

That's Why We Praise Him

Psalm 33 | Psalms: Songs for Every Season

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I. The Command For Our Praise (vs. 1-3)

(What is commanded, **who is commanded**, and what is the rationale for the command?)

Sing joyfully to the LORD, **you righteous**; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. 2 **Praise the LORD** with the harp; **make music to him** on the ten-stringed lyre. 3 **Sing to him** a new song; **play skillfully, and shout** for joy.

II. The Reason For Our Praise - Summary (vs. 4-5)

(Why is it fitting for the upright to praise the Lord?)

- A. His Word
- B. His Deeds
- C. His Heart

III. The Reason For Our Praise - Specifics (vs 6-19)

- A. Because of His work in creation, all people of the earth should fear Him (vs. 6-8)
- Because of His sovereign rule over the earth & covenant loyalty to His people (9-19)

IV. The Reason For Our Praise is The Reason For Our Hope (20-22)

- A. We wait in Hope
- B. Our Hearts Rejoice In Him
- C. His Unfailing Love Rests Upon Us

NEXT STEPS

1. As you examine your life as it currently is, how do you see the steadfast love of the Lord? Take a moment to list the ways that you are currently blessed by him as you think about your marriage, your children, your finances, your relationships, your church, etc. Be specific in your list as you tangibly see the steadfast love of the Lord in your life.
2. Now, how does the evidence of God's steadfast love for you prompt you to respond? Under your list of his blessings in your life, write out a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the multitude of blessings he has given you. Don't be afraid to take time with this prayer and specifically respond with gratitude for the ways he has been good to you.
3. Remember to read our *Interactive Guide to the Psalms*, which includes a framework to help you write your own psalm. You are also encouraged to pick up your Psalm in the lobby and participate in the ongoing *Psalm Project*.
4. Listen to some songs of praise:
 - i. *And Your Praise Goes On*—Chris Rice: bit.ly/AndYourPraiseGoes
 - ii. *Hallelujahs*—Chris Rice: bit.ly/Hallelujahs
 - iii. *Praise* —Elevation Worship Ft Others: bit.ly/Praise4

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. What stood out to you from today's sermon that you'd like to be sure to remember or share with others?
2. Review Psalm 33:1-3, 21. What are some practical ways you can cultivate a spirit of joyful praise in your daily life, even amidst trials? How can we encourage one another as a church body to more consistently "sing to him a new song" and "shout for joy" in the Lord?
3. What are some practical ways to engage in praise and worship musically even when you don't care for the style, or if you feel like you don't have any musical talents?
4. Read 33:11, 13-19. When you consider the difficult or uncertain aspects of your life, how consistently does your internal monologue align with God's providential care for His people? What specific fears or anxieties might you need to intentionally surrender to His sovereign control this week?
5. Psalm 33:18-22 speaks of God's eyes on those who fear Him, delivering them from death and famine, and our hope being in Him. In what specific areas of your life are you currently being called to place your trust and hope more fully in the Lord? Can you share a time when you experienced God's deliverance or faithfulness in a challenging situation, and how that strengthened your hope in Him?

