

## GETTING READY FOR THANKSGIVING ~ PSALM 33.1-22

→ Scripture Reading Psalm 33 (selections)

### INTRODUCTION

#### Three Movements in Psalm 33

- Call to WORSHIP and PRAISE vs. 1-3
- REASONS for Praise and Worship vs. 4-19
- RESULTS of Praise and Worship vs. 20-22

### CALL to WORSHIP and PRAISE ~ Psalm 33:1-3 (First Movement)

→ CALL to WORSHIP God with PRAISE and...

[1] 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.

**Psalm 32:1-2 (NLT)** Oh, what joy for those whose DISOBEDIENCE is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! [2] Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

[32.11] (NIV) Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

### APPLICATION

### REASONS for PRAISE and WORSHIP ~ Psalm 33:4-19 (Second Movement)

→ WE Praise and Worship God...

...because His WORD and CHARACTER can be TRUSTED

[4] For the WORD of the LORD is right and true; he is FAITHFUL in all he does. [5] The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. (NIV)

...because God has shown His Power in CREATION

[6] By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. [7] He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. [8] Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. [9] For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. (NIV)

[6] The LORD merely SPOKE, and the heavens were CREATED.  
He breathed the WORD, and ALL the stars were BORN.

[7] He ASSIGNED the SEA its boundaries  
and LOCKED the oceans in vast RESERVOIRS.

[8] Let the whole world FEAR the LORD,  
and let everyone stand in AWE of Him.

[9] For when He spoke, the world began!  
It appeared at his command. (NLT)

...because God's PLAN and PURPOSES will be Carried OUT (they will NEVER FAIL)

[10] The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. [11] But the PLANS of the LORD stand firm forever, the PURPOSES of HIS heart through all generations. [12] Blessed is the NATION whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance. (NIV)

...because God SEES and UNDERSTANDS us

[13] From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; [14] from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth - [15] he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do. (NIV)

[13] The LORD **looks down from heaven** and sees the **WHOLE human race**. [14] From his throne he **observes ALL who live** on the earth. [15] He made their hearts, so He understands everything they do. (NLT)

### →WE Praise and Worship God...

#### ...because God WATCHES over us

[16] No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. [17] A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. [18] But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, [19] to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. (NIV)

[16] The **best-equipped army** cannot SAVE a king, **nor is great strength enough** to save a warrior. [17] **Don't count on your warhorse to give you victory** - for all its strength, it cannot save you. [18] But the LORD watches over those who FEAR HIM, those who RELY on His unfailing love. [19] He rescues them from death and keeps them alive in times of famine. (NLT)

## APPLICATION

[14] From His throne He observes ALL who live on the earth. [15] He made their hearts, SO He understands everything they do. (NLT)

### →Because God MADE my HEART - only He Can FULLY SATISFY my Heart

#### To Satisfy our HEARTS in God we must...

- PURSUE Him
- KNOW HIM on Deeper Levels
- to Learn TOTAL complete DEPENDENCE on HIM

### →Because God MADE my Heart- He knows what is GOING on IN my Heart

**Rom. 5:8** (NIV) But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: WHILE we were still sinners, Christ DIED for us.

**Rom. 5:10** (NIV) For if, when we were God's enemies, we were RECONCILED to HIM through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be SAVED through HIS life.

## RESULTS of PRAISE and WORSHIP ~ Psalm 33:20-22 (Third Movement)

### →So WE WILL HOPE in the LORD

[20] We wait in HOPE for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. [21] In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name. [22] May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in YOU. (NIV)

[22] Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our HOPE is in You ALONE. (NLT)

### →Result of WORSHIP and PRAISE is that by Faith we put our HOPE in God Alone

## TAKE AWAY ??

God You have given so much to me  
Please Give me ONE more thing  
A grateful Heart -  
NOT thankful when pleases me  
As if Your blessings skipped a day  
But a heart whose pulse beats to YOUR PRAISE. George Herbert.