**A title for the young people following along and taking notes - Psalm 33 [God is Worthy of Praise!]**

A brother here reminded me of some wonderful things from **Psalm 33**. In looking at those things I realized it would be good for me and hopefully everyone if we all took a close look at this wonderful passage. **Psalm 33** is a special Psalm: One of only four Psalms that does not have a title. The others are **Psalm 1, 2, and 10**. Many feel **Psalm 33** is linked with **Psalm 32**. In **Psalm 32**, David praises the Lord for forgiving his sins. **Psalm 32** closes with a command to rejoice (**verse 11**). **Psalm 33** opens with the same command. In **Psalm 33** God is to be praised and worthy to be praised because He is in control.

**Verses 1-3** – “Rejoice” here means “to overcome, to cry out, shout for joy, give a ringing cry. It is very beautiful for the righteous to praise God. Notice the phrases rejoice in the Lord, praise the Lord, and sing to Him. **All these are to be directed to God in our lives.**

**Verses 4-9** – Now the direction of **Psalm 33** is to tell us why we should rejoice in our God. God’s word is right or upright. It sets the standard for righteousness and morality. As a compass that tells us which direction to go, no matter where we might be in the wilderness. Like when hiking and you get disorientated so you look at your compass to get your bearings back. That is what God’s Word can do for us! Those who spend much time in reading, meditating, and living God’s word; know how precious it is (**Psalm 119:105, Proverbs 6:23**). We should remember that God’s work is done in truth and His word is truth (**John 17:17**). God’s word is powerful. Everything we see (visible and invisible), great and small were all spoken into existence by God’s word. His word created all things and His word continues to have power today (**Psalm 104:5-9, Isaiah 55:11, Hebrews 4:12, 2 Peter 3:5-7**). **We should praise God for His word!**

**Verses 10-17** – God’s will is over all and is determined. No matter what man may think, God’s will is going to be accomplished (**Psalm 115:3**). We humans like to be in control and want the world to revolve around us and our desires. However the truth of the matter is God is in control and His plan will be carried out (**Psalm 135:6, Isaiah 46:9-11, Daniel 4:35**). God’s people are comforted that things will work out for our good and to His glory (**Romans 8:28**). Those who respond to God’s will by submitting to Him will be blessed. God’s will provides us with a pattern we can follow in this life that ends up with eternal life, if we accept it. Rejecting His will ends in eternal death (**Matthew 7:13-14, 25:46**). In **verse 13**, the Psalmist states, “**The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.**” God is aware of everything that takes place on this earth. Every good deed, every thought, and every sin; nothing is hidden from Him (**Psalm 139:2, Proverbs 15:3, Matthew 12:36, Hebrews 4:13**). Nothing man can trust in will deliver him (**verses 16-17**). **God is worthy of our praise because He is over all and all knowing!**

**Verses 18-22** – Now we see a personal focus; God’s eyes are those who fear Him, who put their hope and trust in Him, and who love Him. Because of this we can know that God will take care of us. Notice **verse 19** about provisions in famine (**Psalm 1:3**). Beth and I went to a garage sale a few Saturdays back. An older couple was having the garage sale partly because their accountant told them they would be out of money by the time they were 80. It gave us a chance to talk to them about the Lord’s provisions for His people. He not only provides for His children, he is also aware of all the pain, the problems, the attacks from enemies, the trials each one of us go through. He sees the hurt, the feelings, the sorrows, and the sadness. Nothing escapes the eye of our God (**verse 18**)! The lost in the world live in fear, but God’s people can be comforted knowing that our God will provide for everything we need! He knows more about our needs than we do and is ready and willing to provide until we can join Him in Heaven (**Matthew 6:8, 2 Timothy 4:18**). **God should be praised because He provides for His children!**

Let us read **Psalm 33 verses 20-22** one more time. For those who are not Christians here this morning, you do not live in the comfort and care of the words of this Psalm. Because of your sins, you do not have a pleasing relationship to God and He has not promised you all the blessings we have discussed this morning. You can decide to change that right now and we are ready and willing to help you to do that. Believe in the Lord with all your heart, confess that Jesus is the Son of God, repent of your sins, and be baptized to wash away your sins! Then you can live a life of praising God for all the blessings He provides now and for eternity.

For those of us Christians here this morning, **are we living a daily life of praise to the Lord?** From **Psalm 33** alone we can see that our God and Father is truly worthy of all the praise we can muster. If we can help you in any way now, please come forward while we stand and sing!