

PSALM 33

VERSE TO MEMORIZE

*"For the word of the Lord is right,
And all His work is done in truth." Psalm 33:4*

CHALLENGE

God is worthy of our praise and worship because of who He is and what He has done in the world. He is also worthy of our praise because of how He works in the lives of people. Make a decision to trust God in every area of your life and join with others in worshiping Him this week.

1. Name three things that you can praise God for right now. As you think about those things, why do they lead you to praise God?
2. What excuses have you heard from people (or maybe even expressed yourself) as a reason why they choose not to praise God? Are these excuses valid or reasonable?
3. If you were to lose everything in this life (wealth, possessions, relationships, etc.), would you still have a reason to praise God? Why or why not?
4. What do you want to teach your family and friends about praising God? What is the best way for you to teach others to praise God?
5. This is the second psalm without an ascription stating the author and purpose of the psalm (Psalm 2 is the other). What is the reason why Psalm 33 does not have an ascription?
6. Since Psalm 33 flows out of Psalm 32, what is the context of Psalm 32? Who wrote it and why was it written?
7. Read Psalm 32:10-11 and Psalm 33:1-3. What similar language and thoughts are used to close Psalm 32 and begin Psalm 33?
8. Why would David transition to a call to worship in Psalm 33 after reflecting on his sin and how God has dealt with his sin in Psalm 32?
9. How many different ways does the author command people to praise God in Psalm 33:1-3?
 - a. Verse 1: _____
 - b. Verse 2: _____
 - c. Verse 2b: _____
 - d. Verse 3: _____
 - e. Verse 3b: _____
 - f. What do these ways tell you about how God is to be worshiped?

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- g. What would you say to someone who says that there is there only one way to worship God?
- h. What is your preferred way to worship God?

10. What reasons does the psalmist give for why we should worship God? Read Psalm 33:4-7.

a. Verse 4: _____

b. Verse 4b: _____

c. Verse 5: _____ & _____

d. Verse 5b: _____

e. Verse 6-9: _____

f. In addition to this list of reasons to worship and praise God, can you identify any other reason why you praise Him?

11. What does this psalm challenge the reader to trust in? Read Psalm 33:10-19.

12. What things do people in our world trust in rather than trusting in God? Have you ever struggled to trust in God rather than the things of this world? What did you learn through that struggle?

12. Has trusting in God ever disappointed you? Has He ever let you down? Have you ever trusted in things of the world? Have those things ever let you down?

13. What does the psalmist say about honoring and fearing God together as a nation? Read Psalm 33:8-12 and 18-19.

14. Have we, as a nation, lost our fear and respect for God? If so, how and why?

15. Is it important for us, as a country, to have fear, honor, and respect for God? If so, what can you do to encourage those attitudes for God as you live your life?

16. Re-read Psalm 33:20-22. How many times does the psalmist use a plural pronoun (our, we, us)? What does this say about how we worship together?

17. Why is it important for Christians to worship together with other Christians?

18. How does worshipping together with other Christians encourage you each week? When you miss church, what do you miss the most?

19. Would your faith, hope, and trust in God be strengthened or weakened if you did not worship with other Christians each week?

20. What would you say to someone who says that they don't need to go to church and prefer to worship God alone in the beauty of nature?