

God is Mighty and Merciful.

Psalm 33:1-9 & 61 and Matthew 18:10-14

Part 3: "The Kingdom of God" Pastor Scott Arnold

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Key Point: Everyone needs salvation, to be born again.

I. Praising God and His Kingdom (Psalm 33)

A. The Call to worship (1) ***Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.***

B. The Call to make music (2-3) ***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.***

C. The Call to revere God's Word (4-9)
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. 6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were 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.

II. Connecting with God through Prayer (Psalm 61)

A. Crying out in faith (1-3) ***1 Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. 2 From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. 3 For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.***

B. Desiring God's manifest presence (4)
I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings. (Story of outreach – Jonah)

C. Laying our requests before God (5-8)

5 For you, God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name. 6 Increase the days of the king's life, his years for many generations. 7 May he be enthroned in God's presence forever; appoint your love and faithfulness to protect him. 8 Then I will ever sing in praise of your name and fulfill my vows day after day.

III. A New Vision and Calling for Serving God and His Kingdom. (Matthew 18:10-14)

A. Heaven's equality is humility (10-11)

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. 11 .. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (passage is also in Luke 19:10)
(Story of sculptor – Danneker and the child)

B. Heaven's priority is compassion (12-14)

12 "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? 13 And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. 14 In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

Application: The Church's priority of evangelism.

Questions:

1. How are you aware of God within worship?
2. In what ways has God demonstrated might and mercy?
3. How does a "Kingdom of God" worldview differ from the variety of worldviews that are man-centered?
4. How do we apply the parable of the lost sheep today?
5. How will this lead us to do evangelism?