

Psalms 33:1-22 “Why Praise God” bbc,ebc

Intro. The experience of liking particular worship songs or styles more than others

What are some reasons why God is worthy to be praised?

Subject: The Sovereignty of the LORD in Creation and History

Object: Praise the Lord

I. The call to praise the Lord [1-3]

1Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! *For* praise from the upright is beautiful.

2Praise the LORD with the harp; Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings. **3**Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

A. Joyful praise from God’s people is beautiful: joy 2x

1. New song: nature vs. chronology, song of redeemed, song of those forgiven of sin
? What are some reasons why saved people praising God in song is beautiful?

2. play skillfully: good exhortation and aspiration [*worship auditions, 12+ teams
a. cf. should our praise depend on the skill level of the musicians or the vocalists, or the style of music?

II. Why the Lord should be praised [4-22]

A. The Lord is Creator [4-9]

1. The Lord loves truth, justice and righteousness [4-5] For the word of the LORD *is* right, And all His work *is done* in truth.**5**He loves righteousness and justice;

2. The Lord’s Creation is full of His goodness [5]The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

? What are some examples of the goodness of the Lord? [5]

3. The Lord created the heavens [6] By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

4. The Lord separates the oceans from the land [7] **7**He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses.

5. The Lord should be revered by all because He is good and Creator [8-9]

8Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. **9**For He spoke, and it was *done*; He commanded, and it stood fast.

B. The Lord is Sovereign [10-11] **10**The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.**11**The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

C. The Lord blesses [12] **12**Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

D. The Lord is all knowing and powerful [13-17]

1. Omniscient (all-knowing) [13-15] **13**The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.**14**From the place of His dwelling He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth; **15**He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.

2. Omnipotent (all-powerful) [16-17]

a. No power of this earth is sufficient nor can withstand

16No king *is* saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.17A horse *is* a vain hope for safety; Neither shall it deliver *any* by its great strength.

E. Rejoice in the Lord because he gives life to those who trust in Him

18Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy, 19To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine. 20Our soul waits for the LORD; He *is* our help and our shield. 21For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name. 22Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we hope in You.

Discussion Qs

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- 3. What are some examples of the goodness of the Lord [5]?**