

Entering the FUTURE God's WAY

Psalm 33

v1 Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. v2 Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. v3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. v4 For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. v5 The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. v6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. v7 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. v8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. v9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. v10 The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. v11 But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. v12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance. v13 From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; v14 from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth- v15 he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do. v16 No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. v17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. v18 But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, v19 to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. v20 We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. v21 In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. v22 May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

Entering the FUTURE God's WAY means firstly

I. BEING ENCOURAGED BY THE PAST - v4-7

- 1. God's WORD IS CERTIAN.** *v4 For the word of the LORD is right and true; Heaven and earth will pass but HIS WORD remains forever!*
- 2. God's WORKS ARE CONSISTENT.** *v4 For ...; he is faithful in all he does.*
The word "FAITHFUL" = *Truth, stable or steadfast* - They are totally consistent with HIS character!
- 3. God's JUDGEMENTS ARE CORRECT.** *v5 The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.*
Everything God does is for our GOOD!! Even when HE disciplines us.
- 4. God's CREATION IS CONFIRMATION.** *v6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.*
If you want some "PROOF" that God is incredible, JUST LOOK AT HIS CREATION
- 5. God's PROVISION IS CONTINUOUS.** *v7 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.*
Humans would like to think that they make their own way in life.
None of us decided we would be born. None of us knows if we will wake up tomorrow.
None of us can cause it to rain. None of us can make the sunshine.
WE ARE ALL TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON THE GOODNESS OF GOD

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II. ACTIVELY EVALUATING THE PRESENT - v10-17

- 1. Make sure OUR PLANS are IN LINE WITH GOD'S PLANS.** *v10 The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. v11 But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.*
Remember the Parable of the Foolish Rich Farmer! "TODAY YOU SOUL WILL BE REQUIRED OF YOU!"
- 2. Make sure OUR MOTIVES are IN LINE WITH GOD'S MOTIVES.** *v12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance. v13 From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; v14 from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth- v15 he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.*
GOD LOOKS AT YOUR HEART!

- 3. Make sure OUR FAITH are IN LINE WITH GOD'S FAITHFULNESS.** *v16 No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. v17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.*
There is only ONE in whom we can TRUST as we face the future!

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III. TOTALLY ENTRUSTING THE FUTURE TO HIM - v18-22

- 1. We are THOSE who have FEAR (AWE).** *v18 But the eyes of the LORD are on those who **fear** him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love*
The word "FEAR" - yâre = *To have reverent respect* -
We don't need to be afraid of God if we follow HIS commands. We follow HIS commands because they are good and for our benefit
- 2. We are THOSE who have HOPE.** *v18 But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose **hope** is in his unfailing love*
The word "HOPE" - yâchal = *To wait patiently* -
The HOPE we have is not some vague wishful thinking. The idea of HOPE is not so much an "IF IT WILL HAPPEN" but rather "WHEN IT WILL HAPPEN".
- 3. We are THOSE who have TRUST.** *v21 In him our hearts rejoice, for we **trust** in his holy name.*
The word "TRUST" - Batah = *Confidence* -
We have a sense of well-being or security which results from having someone in WHO HAS NEVER FAILED US.
- 4. We are THOSE who have RECEIVED MERCY.** *v22 May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.*
The words "UNFAILING LOVE" - Chesed = *Kindness* -
We can face the future with confidence because of HIS MERCY expressed to us IN CHRIST.

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IV. CONTINUALLY ENJOYING GOD AT ALL TIMES V1-3

v1 Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. v2 Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. v3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy

- 1. SING JOYFULLY to God.** *v1a Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;*
Literally SHOUT jubilantly to HIM!
- 2. PRAISE God.** *v1b it is fitting for the upright to praise him.*
Use Hymns and Songs in CORPORATE WORSHIP!
- 3. WORSHIP God in EVERY WAY.** *v2 Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre;*
Church music is not limited by GOD only our personal preference!
- 4. WORSHIP God CREATIVELY.** *v3a Sing to him a new song.*
Just look at creation to see HOW CREATIVE GOD CAN BE!
- 5. WORSHIP God INTENTIONALLY.** *v3b play skillfully!*
God wants our best when we come to HIM!

Conclusion

NEVER FORGET JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

Psalms 40:3 He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

Psalms 96:1 Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Psalms 98:1 Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things;

Isaiah 42:10 Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth,

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Revelation 14:3 And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.