Psalms for the Soul

PSALM 33 A psalm of praise

The rejuvenating power of worship

PREPARATION:

Carefully read Psalm 33 seeking to answer these questions about the text:

- 1. What does the psalmist urge his readers to do? (v. 1-3) How are these things to be offered to Him? Why are these things to be offered to Him? (v. 4)
- 2. How did the Psalmist affirm that the heavens and their host were made? (v. 6) What evidence of God's great power can we see on the earth? (v. 7)
- 3. How should the people of earth respond to God's creative power? (v. 8-9) Why?
- 4. How else is God's power and greatness seen? (v. 10) What does the psalmist say about the Lord's counsels or plans? (v. 11) What is the state of those who make the Lord their God? (v. 12)
- 5. God's power is also seen in his relationship with the individuals in His creation. What truth about God is set forth in v. 13-14? In v. 15?
- 6. Upon what kind of things does man often depend for security? (v. 16-17) What does the psalmist affirm about these?
- 7. To whom does the Lord bring deliverance and blessing? (v. 18-19)
- 8. The Psalmist then joins with others in affirming that they will do what? (v. 20) Why?

9. What final request is made of God in view of this? (v. 22)

KEY QUESTION:

Write in your own words below what you think is the main message of this psalm.

FOR CLASS DISCUSSION:



Historical and cultural setting

- 1. What instruments were used in OT worship and by whom?
- 2. Why does the psalmist refer to the "horse" in v. 17?



What does this psalm tell us about God & His people?

How might this psalm point to Jesus? (Cf. Lk. 24:44ff)

How could the Christian apply the teaching of this psalm to his life today?