

***The Church Gathered for Worship***

Psalm 33

**INTRODUCTION:**

**I. Who Worships? (vv.1-3)**

**A. The Righteous Redeemed**

1. Shouts
2. For Joy in the Lord

**B. Worship fits the upright**

1. Made upright by God
2. Righteousness of Christ
3. **Hebrews 1:8-9**

**C. Worship is gratitude**

1. With instrumentation
2. With melody
3. **Ephesians 5:19**
4. **Colossians 3:16**

**D. Worship in song**

1. Sing
2. New songs
3. With skill
4. With vibrancy

**II. Why Worship? (vv.4-22)**

**A. Worship because of God's Word (vv.4-9)**

1. God's Word is true
2. God loves His Word...therefore, in our worship we love what God loves
  - a) Righteousness
  - b) Truth
  - c) Love
  - d) Embodied in Christ (**Rev.19:11**)

3. God's Word produces faith...is evidence of faith...and faith pleases Him

- a) **John 1:1,14**
- b) **Romans 10:17**
- c) **Hebrews 11:3**
- d) **Hebrews 11:6**
- e) **2 Peter 1:19-21**

4. God's Word displays His power and produces awe

- a) As the Creator
- b) As the Sustainer

5. Therefore, His Word must be central in our worship

- a) The word should produce in us a song
- b) The word should produce a new song because it is fresh and at work NOW

**B. Worship because of God's Rule (vv. 10-19)**

1. Rule over nations (**vv.10-11**)

2. Head of the church (**v.12**)
  - a) His chosen nation (**Romans 9:6-8**)
  - b) His called ones
  - c) Steadfast in Love
  - d) For the purpose of His glory among the nations
  - e) Worship is upward
3. Rule over all peoples (**vv.13-19**)
  - a) All...peoples (**vv.13-17**)
  - b) Rule over deliverance of His people (**vv.18-19**)

**C. Worship because worship produces Hope in God (vv.20-22)**

1. Patient hope
  - a) Waiting solely for Him
  - b) Help & Shield
2. Joy-filled hope
  - a) Gladness
  - b) Due to trusting in His name
3. Enduring hope
  - a) Work of God
  - b) Work of love
  - c) View of grace
4. Worship produces hope in those whose hearts are glad to trust in Him

**CONCLUSION:**

- The reasons for worship help us see our weaknesses (the enemies of worship).
  - We worship because of God's Word.
  - We worship because of God's Rule.
  - We worship knowing we will hope in God if we are glad in our trust in Him.
- Therefore, if we do not engage in worship when gathered with the saints it is because...
  - We are not interacting with God's Word, His Word is not proclaimed, or the Word has not taken root in our lives
    - We must know the Word, who is the Christ, in order to worship God rightly
  - We are in anxiety over life's circumstances, not trusting His reign and rule over our lives.
  - We are not glad in God. We trust the things we see rather than rejoice in the God we don't see, but want to see one day soon.