

## *Hymn of the Week: Praise the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,  
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,  
Biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,  
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
 Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Text by Joachim Neader, 1860, translated from German to English by Catherine Winkworth, 1863.  
<http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/p/t/ptlta.htm>

## Suggested Baptist Catechism Questions:

### **Question 80: What day of the week is the Christian Sabbath?**

The first day of the week, called the Lord's Day.  
(Acts 20:7; Revelation 1:10)

### **Question 81: Why is it called the Lord's Day?**

Because on that day Christ rose from the dead.  
(Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:9; Luke 24:1-6; John 20:1)

### **Question 82: How should the Sabbath be kept?**

In prayer and praise, in hearing and reading God's Word, and in doing good to our fellow men.  
(Isaiah 58:13, 14; Matthew 12:10-13; Luke 4:16; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2)

## Morningview Family Worship

Week of August 15, 2010

### *Psalm for Prayer and Praise: Psalm 33 (NASB)*

- 1 Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones; Praise is becoming to the upright.
- 2 Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings.
- 3 Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is upright, And all His work is done in faithfulness.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.
- 6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host.
- 7 He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deeps in storehouses.
- 8 Let 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.
- 10 The LORD nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- 11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.
- 13 The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men;
- 14 From His dwelling place He looks out On all the inhabitants of the earth,
- 15 He who fashions the hearts of them all, He who understands all their works.
- 16 The king is not saved by a mighty army; A warrior is not delivered by great strength.
- 17 A horse is a false hope for victory; Nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope for His lovingkindness,
- 19 To deliver their soul from death And to keep them alive in famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.
- 21 For our heart rejoices in Him, Because we trust in His holy name.
- 22 Let Your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, According as we have hoped in You.

### Scripture Memory for the Week: Psalm 33:10-11

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# Praying through the Psalms

Week of August 15, 2010

## Day 1 ~

**Read:** Psalm 33:1-6

**Consider:**

**For Adults:** This Psalm begins with a jubilant call to God's people to rejoice in Him. In the very opening words, it dismisses any notion of a true believer who can withhold his praise, for it says that "Praise" is nature or "becoming" of the upright. As you read through this Psalm today and this week, consider God's glorious works and attributes and pay careful attention to your heart's proclivity to arise in worship. If you find your heart lacking in praise, prayerfully read and meditate upon your Lord, asking for the Holy Spirit to awaken your soul anew to His beauty.

**Older Children:** Have you read a story that did not have a happy ending? Why do you think we like stories that have good endings? Why do you think most people want to see the bad punished and the good rewarded? How do you think it is related to what we read in verse 5 of this Psalm?

**Younger Children:** The Bible tells us that every good gift that we have comes from God (James 1:17). How has God "filled the earth" with His Lovingkindness(v.5)?

**Family Application:** Talk together about praise. It is something that should naturally arise from the hearts of God's people. Talk about all things that God has done that deserve our worship and, most importantly, talk about why God deserves our worship simply because of who He is.

**Pray:** Pray today that the Holy Spirit would work in your hearts helping you to see more of the beauty and worthiness of Jesus. Pray that God would help you to develop habits of daily worship and that in doing so, God would graciously increase your joy as part of your visible witness to the world.

**Meditate:** Write this week's memory verses on a white board in your home and/or on index cards that each family member can carry with them during the week.

## Day 2 ~

**Read:** Psalm 33:6-12

**Consider:**

**For Adults:** In these verses the Psalmist expounds upon his call to worship by showing how God is not only due praise from His people, but also why God is due praise from all of creation and all of mankind. Notice in the verses how the world owes its existence to the creative power of His word and is held sway under His sovereign decree. Notice also the special status that God's chosen people enjoy. Consider today what it means to receive an inheritance from God as your Father and delight in His mercy!

**Older Children:** In the time of the Old Testament, God had a special relationship with the citizens of the nation of Israel as He prepared history for the coming of Jesus, but we know that while some of them loved Him, many others of them did not. What do you think makes someone a part of God's true people? (hint read Matt 5:3-10 and John 3:16)

**Younger Children:** Read verse 9 again. What are some things in creation that are created by "speaking?"

**Family Application:** Talk together about how the world owes honor and praise to God, but how the sinful nature of people prevents them from offering God the praise that He is due (Romans 1). Talk about how God's Holy Spirit helps His people (those who have believed in Jesus) to see God's glory and beauty and want to worship Him.

**Pray:** Praise God for how He is sovereign over all of creation and how He created the world by the power of His word. Thank Him for sending His spirit to open the eyes of sinners to His glory and beauty to lead them to have trust in His Son. Pray that God would help you to worship Him with joy this week and to be a witness to others by your joy in Him.

**Meditate:** See if anyone in the family can quote this week's memory verse. Make new note cards of any of the cards from day 1 that may have been lost.

## Day 3 ~

**Read:** Psalm 33:13-22

**Consider:**

**For Adults:** In this final section of the Psalm, we specifically see God's intimate knowledge of man, even in his fallen state and sinfulness. Just as the psalmist notes all of the things that men put false hope in, consider the things that those around you tend to put false hope in. Are you tempted to hope in those same things? Look at the response of the Godly in verse 20-22. As you do so, ask God to cultivate and grow your faith and joy in Him today.

**Older children:** Read verse 21 again. What does "trusting in God's Holy Name" lead His people to do? What are some actions that you think should flow out of someone who is truly trusting in God?

**Younger children:** Have you ever obeyed your parents, but had a "mad" or "sad" heart while you were doing what they told you to do? Do you think God knows what is in your heart? (v.15) How do you think God wants our hearts to feel when we obey?

**Family Application:** Talk together about what "false hopes" is and some of the false hopes that people today have. Talk about why it is always wise to hope in God and to follow His word even when it is hard to or doesn't seem to make sense.

**Pray:** Thank God for being a sure foundation for His people and the only true hope of eternal joy and blessing. Pray that God would guard your heart and your family from putting your hope in anything other than God Himself. Pray that God would help you to follow Him closely and carefully and that He would be honored and glorified by how your family trusts in Him.

**Meditate:** See again if anyone in the family can quote this week's memory verse. Talk about any ways that this verse has encouraged or taught you this week.

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