

PRAYING PSALM 33

This a song written for the congregation. There is no historical background to the psalm. The subject is praise. 1. CALL TO PRAISE (1-3). Praise is beautiful. Praise God with instruments. Praise the Lord with a new song. 2. CAUSES FOR PRAISE (4-19). In creation – we see the Lord’s divine power. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made. In history – we see God’s providence. The counsel of nations shall come to nothing, but the counsel of the Lord shall stand forever. The nations whose God is the Lord shall be blessed. God sees the people and fashions their hearts individually. He considers their works. He delivers by His strength. The eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him. 3. COMPLETION OF PRAISE (20-22). God is our help. God is our trust. God is our hope.

Singing is a natural way to praise the Lord. This is an encouragement to begin your praise with music. Praise the Lord by acknowledging His power in creation. When you praise God for His power in creation you will be moved to fear Him. When you praise God for His providence in history you will be moved to trust His counsel rather than the counsel of men. Praise God for his help. Praise God that you can trust Him. Praise God for the hope He gives you.