

**Praise Befits the Upright**  
**Psalm 33**

**Introduction:** God is concerned with how He is worshipped

**Context:** Psalm 33 is the expression of pure praise from those whose *transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered ... against whom the Lord counts no iniquity* (Psalm 32:1-2)

**A call to worship (1-3):** Five imperatives (require freshness, skill and fervor)

*Shout joyfully*

*give thanks*

*make melody* (using instruments)

*sing to him a new song* (Revelation 5:9, 14:2-3)

*play skillfully*

To refuse to sing with the assembly is sinful

**The motivation for praise (4-11)**

God's character (4-5) – *he loves righteousness and justice*

God's creative power (6-9) – *he spoke and it came to be*

God's enduring purpose (10-11) – *the counsel of the Lord stands forever*

**Though it is the duty of all people to praise God, only some do (8-18):**

God's "general look": All people are under God's sovereign rule and responsible to praise Him

God's "specific look": Only God's own people will truly praise Him

**We can hope and trust in God (19-22)**

Deliverance comes to those who wait for it, hopefully

**Application:** Let's Praise God loudly for He alone is worthy!