

The Man of Praise

Jesus in the Psalms

Psalm 33

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I. Jesus in the Psalms (cf. Lk 24:44; Eph 5:19; Heb 2:11, 12; 10:5)

Because David sings the psalms in his official capacity as the Messiah, as the one anointed with oil in the Name of God to rule God's People, he represents Jesus. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes:

In the Psalms of David the promised Christ Himself already speaks (Hebrews 2:11, 12; 10:5). These same words which David spoke, therefore, the future Messiah spoke through him. The prayers of David were prayed also by Christ. Or better, Christ himself prayed them through His forerunner David.

David is a type of Christ – and so not only does David sing these songs, so too does Jesus. These are Christ's songs which He is singing; and in singing them, He speaks to us through them.

II. The Man of Praise

A. *The Summons*: Rejoice in the Lord! (1-3)

Our psalm begins with a six-fold summons to _____ the Lord. Jesus sings to us and summons His followers to worship the Lord with joy. Human beings were created to worship God and so worship is _____. *Homo adorans.*

B. *The Rationale*: Four reasons to rejoice. (4-19)

1. Summary (4-5)

For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth. He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

2. Reason #1: *The Word of the Lord* is upright (4a, 6-9)

3. Reason #2: *The Work of the Lord* is done in truth (4b, 10-12)

4. Reason #3: *The Love of the Lord* is for righteousness & justice (5a, 13-15)

5. Reason #4: *The Mercy of the Lord* fills the earth (5b, 16-19)

C. *The Conclusion*: Faith and Petition (20-22)

III. Application

A. The Imperative of Praise

You were created to praise the Lord. Jesus summons you to praise the Lord. Praise is our duty and our delight.

Richard Baxter declared, *“I am not willing to join in such a church where I shall be shut out of this noble work of praise.”*

B. The Character of Praise

What should this worship look like? True praise should:

1. Be offered in faith – 1, 18, 20-21
2. Be loud, exuberant, joyful – 1a, 3b, 21
3. Be accompanied by instruments – 2a, 2b
4. Be sincere and thoughtful – 3a *“a new song”*
5. Be skillful – 3b
6. Be reverent – 8 (cf. Heb 12:28)

C. The Object of Praise

Finally, we note that the object of our praise is to be the Living God. Who is the One we worship?

- 6-9 – Creator of all
- 10-12 – Ruler of all
- 13-15 – Judge of all
- 16-19 – Redeemer/Savior of His people

IV. Conclusion