

# Psalm 33

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Re - joi - ce be - fore the LORD, you right - eous, and with a new song praise his name,  
By his com - mand he made the hea - vens, their star - ry host by his de - cree.  
God foils the sche - ming of the na - tions; he frus - trates all the peo - ples plans.  
The LORD looks down from heav'n his dwel - ling, and he ob - serves the hu - man race;  
No king is saved by his great ar - my; by strength the might - y are not freed.  
Our soul a - waits the great Re - deem - er; our help and shield, him we ac - claim.



Praise is most fit - ting for the up - right; with harp and lyre de - clare his fame.  
He ga - thered in his store - house cham - bers the wa - ters of the deep - est sea.  
The LORD is stead - fast in his pur - pose; for e - ver - more his coun - sel stands.  
the earth and all its pop - ul - a - tion he sees from that ex - al - ted place.  
A war horse gives no hope of vic - tory; in vain the war - rior trusts his steed.  
In him a - lone our heart re - joic - es, for we trust in his ho - ly name.



For the LORD has spo - ken words of truth un - bro - ken; he is faith - ful still.  
Let the earth re - vere him, and its peo - ples fear him. God spoke, and 'twas done.  
Shout with ju - bi - la - tion: Hap - py is the na - tion where the LORD is God.  
He knows ev - ery na - tion; all are his cre - a - tion, and their hearts he molds.  
But the LORD our Sav - iour looks on those with fa - vour who his mer - cy trust,  
God of our sal - va - tion, hear our sup - pli - ca - tion; to your word be true.



Right - eous - ness he trea - sures; earth is with the measures of his good - ness filled.  
He set all cre - a - tion firm on its foun - da - tion. Praise him, ev - ery - one!  
Freed from all op - pres - sion, they are his pos - ses - sion. Spread his praise a - broad!  
It's the LORD who ev - er sees all their en - dea - vour; he their works be - holds.  
and when fam - ines grieve them he will nev - er leave them prey to death and dust.  
Let your love and fa - vour rest on us for - ev - er, as we hope in you.