

Summer Psalms
2. The Power of the Word (Psalm 33)

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1. A call to Praise (v1-3)

- A Command
- God the focus

2. God's word is good (v4-5)

- What others might say
- God is good
- The problem for us

3. God's word in creation (v6-9)

- Genesis
- Stars and Oceans
- Fear
- All peoples

4. God's work in providence (v10-19)

- God's plans
- A chosen people
- God sees
- No alternatives

5. Response (v20-22)

- Waiting
- Together
- Prayer

Psalm 33 (NIV)

- ¹ Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- ² Praise the LORD with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.
- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.
- ⁵ The LORD loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.
- ⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
- ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;
he puts the deep into storehouses.
- ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the people of the world revere him.
- ⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- ¹⁰ The LORD foils the plans of the nations;
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
- ¹¹ But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,
the purposes of his heart through all generations.
- ¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he chose for his inheritance.
- ¹³ From heaven the LORD looks down
and sees all mankind;
- ¹⁴ from his dwelling place he watches
all who live on earth—

- ¹⁵ he who forms the hearts of all,
who considers everything they do.
- ¹⁶ No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.
- ¹⁷ A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.
- ¹⁸ But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him,
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
- ¹⁹ to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.
- ²⁰ We wait in hope for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.
- ²¹ In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.
- ²² May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,
even as we put our hope in you.