

A God Worth Praising

Psalm 33

1. A Call to Praise God, vs1-3

the 'how' of our worship - it is to be

- ⇒ *joyful – not miserable vs 1,3*
Num 21.4-5; Eccles 4.8
stay focussed on God
John 8.12; Rom 15.13
- ⇒ *musical – singing vs 1,3*
 - *new songs v3*
 - *variety of instruments v2*
 - *played skilfully, v3*
- ⇒ *backed up by holy living v1*

2. Reasons for praising God, vs4-11

the 'why' of our worship

- ⇒ *the sheer goodness of God vs 4-5*
 - he communicates accurately*
 - he acts consistently*
 - he is just and loving*

- ⇒ *his greatness in creation vs 6-9*
 - his initiative v9*
 - his ease of action v6*
 - his immensity v7*
 - stand in awe of him v8*

- ⇒ *the certainty of his plans vs 10-11*
 - the Lord of all human history v10*
 - everything under Christ's*
 - loving headship Eph 1.9-10*
 - international acknowledgement*
 - Phil 2.9-11; Rev 7.9-10*

- ⇒ *his care for his people vs 12-16*

- *his chosen nation* **1 Pet 2.9**

3. A Call to trust and hope in God,

vs16-22

- ***beware of misplaced confidence***
numerical strength v16
personal abilities v16
human resources v17
- ***remember Christ's sufficiency***
to keep alive
and save from death vs 18-19
- ***a well-rounded hope vs 20-22***
patient, confident, joyful
well-founded