

Pastoral Encouragement

Psalm 33:20–22 (ESV):

*20 Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.*

*21 For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.*

*22 Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.*

In these troubled times it is a wonderful feeling to know our God is our help and our shield. We can trust in his holy name. His steadfast love is upon us. We can place our hope in him.

I love the psalms. They fill us with awe and wonder at the greatness of our God. We find comfort in knowing that he is the creator and sustainer of all things and yet he sees each of his children and knows our every circumstance. Somehow, in his unchanging sovereign decrees, he orders all the days of our life with tender care so that all the details work together for our good and his glory.

Bereans, take the precious words of our Heavenly Father and hold them close to your heart today. Know, without a doubt, that you are loved with an everlasting love. Most importantly, share this knowledge with your family, friends, or neighbors. It is here, that God can use us to transform our world, one life at a time.

Yours In Christ

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Psalm 33:1–22 (ESV): The Steadfast Love of the Lord

33 Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

*2 Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!*

*3 Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.*

*4 For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.*

*5 He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.*

*6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.*

*7 He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
he puts the deeps in storehouses.
8 Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
9 For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
the plans of his heart to all generations.
12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
13 The Lord looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;
14 from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,
15 he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.
16 The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
17 The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.
18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
19 that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.
20 Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
21 For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
22 Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.*