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Psalm 33 10/31/12

Vs. 1-5a show happiness centers on God;

Vs. 5b-9 credit God with creating the Earth so remarkably;

Vs. 10-17 remind the "higher powers" that there is "The Highest Power;"

Vs. 18-22 show God's pleasure in "those who fear Him."

"Praise from the upright is beautiful" when rightly done. "Making melody" with "the harp" or "instrument of ten strings" has been replaced among Christians with "speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19). David introduced musical instruments into worship by his own authority (1 Chronicles 15:16) and God authorized none of them among Christians. David's "harp" has been changed to "heart." To sing "a new song" adds life to worship, not same old ritualistic repetitions. On the Earth, ALL "right," "truth," "righteousness," "justice" is because of God, so that: "The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD."

The earth is full of the Creative Genius of the LORD, as well. Verses 6-9 capsulize Genesis, chapter 1. God (Hebrew, *Elohim*) created it from nothing (Genesis 1:1), using only His "word" (later known as *Jesus*, Hebrews 1:1-2), "breath of His mouth" (*The Holy Spirit*, Genesis 1:2), and therefore everyone living on God's world should "stand in awe of Him." The terms (1) "made," (2) "gathers," and (3) "stood fast" show (1) the Creation from nothing, (2) design and orderliness, and (3) scientific law controlling it, respectively. The only adequate, truly scientific, and humbling explanation of "the heavens and the earth" is written in God's autobiographical book, The Bible! The marvels of Creation are not to be worshiped, but should cause all scientific studies to point to the Creator!

Verses 10-17 explain why mankind has not devised a workable plan for living on God's earth without acknowledging God! The "alphabet powers" (U.N., U.S., U.K., U.A.R., U.S.S.R., E.U., NYSE, WTO), or "short named powers" (Nazism, Marxism, Islam-ism, ad infinitum), fall short of world domination because "the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses" (Daniel 4:32). There is no "governing authority" unless it is "ordained of God" (Romans 13:1-2). Psalm 33:12 gives the reason America (like nations before) has fallen on hard times, for its Government has banned God, Jesus Christ, Bible, and Christianity from its public assemblies, public education, public knowledge, thereby making God its enemy! Since "No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength" (Psalm 33:16), the American boast that it has "the strongest military on earth" becomes nothing more than false bravado. A return to God in Government circles is the only remedy. "Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

Godless Government doesn't keep the country going, for "the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy" (Psalm 33:18). God keeps them alive and

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helps them through famine, therefore God is to be praised, NOT Government! "Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield."