

What are you hoping in?

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What can the hopeful of God count on?

1. *The hopeful can count on God's*

_____ . Psalm 33:13-15

2. *The hopeful can count on God's*

_____ . Psalm 33:16-19

Psalm 33:13-22

3. *The hopeful can count on God's*

_____ . Psalm 33:20-21

TAKE HOME TRUTH

Hope is _____ when you're certain

about _____ . Psalm 33:22

hand in
hand
verse by
verse

“Shout for joy in the Lord!” This psalm begins with a call of praise. There are many reasons that cause this response in us. When we consider the amazing power and sovereignty of God, it calms our heart. Our trust is not in the strength of an army, the potency of the economy, or the promise of worldly security – these are powerless and transitory things. Rather, our trust is in the One who is all-powerful and transcendent. We wait for the Lord.

Today’s Core Virtue discussed: Hope.



Read Psalm 33:13-22

1. What is mentioned about God’s sovereignty and his personal care over his creation (vv. 13-15)?
2. What are some of God’s attributes/characteristics highlighted in this psalm? Why are these worthy of praise?
3. What images are used to describe misplaced trust (vv. 16-19)? What are some modern equivalents you could use to describe this?
4. Why and how are you tempted to place your hope or trust in something or someone other than the Lord? What are some of these things?
5. How are verses 20-22 a declaration of hope in the Lord? Why is he worthy of our trust and our praise?
6. How do you hope in God’s steadfast love (v. 18; cf. v. 5)? Why is hope an important theme in the Advent season? How can you spread hope to others?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for offering us hope in Jesus the Messiah - our Creator and King! Ask God to help you trust in him alone. Pray for those who need a special touch from God. Ask God to use you to share the hope of Christ with others.

A Season of Renewal



Psalm 33:13-22

For many, 2015 has been a rough year. Our Cornerstone family has experienced everything from severe illness, to job losses and even the loss of loved ones. When things have been hard and life is filled with disappointments it is difficult to remain hopeful.

The challenge of remaining hopeful is even present when we endeavor to celebrate the birth of our savior. How do we find hope when things never seem to change – when it appears that history keeps repeating itself? Can anyone really expect us to believe that things will ever get better, and if that is true, what hope can we really have?

The author of this psalm has evidently wrestled with this dilemma. He has discovered that you can’t really rely upon political powers or worldly escapes (vv. 16-17). However, he has found something we can put our hope in that will never disappoint us!