

**WINTER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016-2017**  
**THEME: CREATION AND SALVATION**  
**UNIT TWO – ALL CREATION PRAISES GOD**

**“RELEASING OUR TOTAL PRAISE TO GOD OUR CREATOR”**



**Sunday School Lesson No. V – January 1, 2017**  
**Presented by Rev. Frank A. Davis, III, Pastor-Teacher**

- Lesson Text:** Psalm 33:1-22
- Motto Text:** Psalm 33:6 (KJV), *“By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.”*  
(NLT), *“The LORD merely spoke, and the heavens were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born.”*
- Required Reading:** Genesis 1:1-31; Psalm 33:1-22
- Reliable Resources:** The John Phillips Commentary Series; Standard Lesson Commentary; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; The Treasury of David by C. H. Spurgeon; Understanding the 66 Books of the Bible by Dr. David Jeremiah; Precepts for Living (UMI); Word Search 10 Electronic Library

**LESSON INTRODUCTION**

In our second unit, we are about to enter the Garden of Praise, namely the Psalms. According to noted author Dr. David Jeremiah, “Whenever God’s people gather, whether in grief or celebration, they sing. The style of music changes, but singing remains a deeply-rooted part of our heritage. From the spontaneous choir at the Red Sea in Exodus 15 to the professional choirs David assembled among the Levites, songs run through the Old Testament like musical ribbons. And in the middle of it all—at the very heart of the Bible—is the book of Psalms, the hymnbook of the people of God.

Psalms, the Bible’s longest book, comprises five separate collections: Book 1 is chapters 1 through 41; Book 2 is chapters 42 through 72; Book 3 is chapters 73 through 89; Book 4 is chapters 90 through 106; and Book 5 is chapters 107 through 150. Each of these collections ends with an outburst of praise – an Amen or a Hallelujah!”

Dr. J. Vernon McGee and many others see the Psalms’ 5 divisions to mirror the 5 books of the Torah. We’ll shed more light on the Psalms’ background during this quarter. But what of Psalm 33, which occupies our attention this week? According to Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator page 70, the Heart of the Lesson, the question is asked, “Have you ever read a psalm quickly, glanced over it, and determined that it was not really relevant to you because it was all about praising God?” Truth be told, there have been times when I read too quickly over the Psalms and missed the great command of God in them. Note Psalm 150:6, *“Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.”* So let us exercise this in the lesson I entitle: *“Releasing Our Total Praise to God Our Creator.”*

## Anticipated Power Points:

- Praise Exemplifies the Sign of God's Worth. Psalm 33:1-3
- Praise Exemplifies the Sovereignty of God's Word. Psalm 33:4-9
- Praise Exemplifies the Superiority of God Over the World. Psalm 33:10-22

## LESSON OUTLINE

### “Releasing Our Total Praise to God Our Creator”

#### I. Praise Exemplifies the Sign of God's Worth. Psalm 33:1-3

A Saint who has the ability to exemplify his or her praise to God and chooses to sit in silence is pathetic and a disgrace to our Almighty Creator God! We are to exemplify our praise by “rejoicing, thanksgiving, and jubilation of testimony.”

##### A. Exemplify God's worth with rejoicing. vs. 1

Rejoice because of God's righteousness in us! It is how we honor Him in private and public. How will the unsaved know our God if we don't make a joyful noise? (Philippians 4:4)

##### B. Exemplify God's worth with thanksgiving. vs. 2

That's what the “Praise” means. Put some musical instruments behind your thanksgiving praise. We who are from the South, know how to use music, dance, organ and action to exemplify our praise of thanksgiving. Let us praise God with our very best and make some good noise.

##### C. Exemplify God's worth with a new song. (vs. 3)

Israel made new songs (new lyrics) to testify of the great actions of Jehovah, such as the Song of Moses and Miriam (Ex. 15); Deborah and Barak (Ju. 5); Song of Mary (Lu. 1; Song of Simeon (Lu. 2). The songs and praise of God's people are always to impress an audience of One – God!

#### II. Praise Exemplifies the Sovereignty of God's Word. Psalm 33:4-9

These verses are a part of the weekly Sunday School lesson. According to John Phillip's Commentary, God's Word demonstrates His power. Genesis 1 repeats the phrase “...*Let there be...and there was.*”

##### A. The moral power of His Word. (33:4-5)

##### B. The manifest power of His Word. (33:6-7)

##### C. The moving power of His Word. (33:8)

##### D. The matchless power of His Word. (33:9)”

Beloved, who is able to withstand the power and presence of Jehovah our Lord? Psalm 145:3-4, “*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.*”

#### III. Praise Exemplifies the Superiority of God Over the World. Psalm 33:10-22

##### A. All humanity must respond to Him. vss. 10-12

1. Some respond unfavorably. vss. 10-11

2. Some respond favorably. vs. 12

##### B. All humanity must revere Him. vss. 13-22

1. Because He sees all. vss. 13-15

2. Because He alone strengthens all. vss. 16-17

3. Because He alone can save all. vss. 18-22

## CLOSING

As I close, I am reminded of Peter's testimony after most of the so-called followers turned away and refused to follow Jesus. He then asked the twelve, “*Will you also go away?*” Peter's answer should be yours and mine: “...*to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*” (John 6:68). And He still does!!!

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Looking Ahead:

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Psalm 96:1-6, 10-13

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*Happy New Year from Pastor Frank Davis and the Study Hour Family*