



Caught Up in the God of Glory

Psalm 33

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken. –Psalm 62:1-2

Life can be a scramble, filled with distractions that shout for our full attention. Fears and delights, demands and expectations, friends and enemies and family all clamor for our focus. Some promise reward, others threaten dire consequences, but things outside of us easily get a grip inside of us. Focusing our spirit can be like herding cats, with everything demanding full attention.

The God who rules the world is good and powerful. Submitting to His rule brings both focus and freedom. Only our Lord is sufficient to bring all things together under His control without neglecting anything. In God's economy, nothing is overlooked and no one gets left out.

All we need comes from God. We receive everything we could possibly desire from His hand. He alone can handle anything that demands our attention. Prayer starts and ends with Him.

*Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts (Psalm 33:1-3). **Praise and worship get our thoughts in order—the right order. Make a list of what God has done. Reflect on His attributes and give Him praise.***

*For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD (33:4-5). **Creation reflects God's nature, beauty, goodness, and righteousness. Notice His character revealed in the world around you. Trust Him with your requests.***

*By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses (33:6-7). **Contemplate God's vastness displayed in the night sky. Consider the might that rules the sea. God made them both.***

*Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm (33:8-9). **Stand in awe of the One who spoke the universe into existence. What amazes us is child's play to Christ.***

*The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage (33:10-12)! **Realize who truly rules this world. Rest in His perfect plan and His power to accomplish it. Rejoice! This is our God.***

*The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The warhorse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue (33:13-17). **Shift your focus from human might to our Creator's sufficiency in every aspect of life. Rest in God's perfect rule.***

*Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine (33:18-19). **Reject the blasphemous notion that God may somehow overlook the needs of His children. Trust Him for every concern.***

*Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you (33:20-22). **Let God be the Lord of when and how He answers your prayer. Trust Him to bring growth from each situation. Praise Him in advance for His perfect purpose in whatever happens.***

God is very real and His glory is not abstract. It is active and involved in every aspect of daily life. Learn to expect Him to answer whenever you ask, to *the praise of His glory*.

Prayer for Northpoint

Ask God to fill us with His Spirit and draw us to Himself. Pray that He will make our study of His Word a personal pursuit and not just an academic exercise. Pray that you will come to know God as He reveals Himself to you in life as well as in the pages of Scripture.

Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth. –Hosea 6:3

Ask God to reveal Himself ...

- **To Our Pastors and Directors:** Brent Whitefield, Scott Williams, Terilyn Brown, Geoff Grant, Taylor Mendoza, Tamene Menna, and Marty Wiegman
- **To Our Lay Elders:** Tim East, Steve Flood, Mark Kiker, Mike Russell, and Vinoj Zechariah:
- **To Our Church Staff:** Michelle Balga, Bob Brown, Andria Brucks, Jacob Williams, Carolee Jefferson, Josh Figureoa, Amber McEwen, Mark Norland, Corie Saunders, and Teri Vaughn
- **To Us as Church Body:** The glory of God traveled with His people Israel in a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night. Today, God’s glory fills His Church in the person of His Holy Spirit, who lives in us as individuals and in Northpoint as a congregation. Ask God to fill us with His Spirit.
- **To John Sloan and his family.** Ask God to teach them to obtain everything they need for life and effective ministry from God through prayer.

Prayer Record

Record specific prayers you have below. Note when and how God answers your prayers. It will help you to see that He really is paying attention.

Date	Request	Date	Answer

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you! –Psalm 84:11