

WEEKLY GUIDE

JULY 11, 2021

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GATHER!
SUNDAY AND
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LESSONS

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LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

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PRAY!
MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

BIBLE READINGS:

Psalm 33:1-22; Psalm 16:11; Nehemiah 8:10; Psalm 119:89; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 24:35; 2 Timothy 3:16; Numbers 23:19; Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17; Acts 17:26-27, 30-31; Psalm 2:1-12; John 3:16; Matthew 4:4

READ PSALM 33:1-22

PSALM 33:1

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful.

PSALM 16:11

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

NEHEMIAH 8:10B

Don't be sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

PSALM 119:89

Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.

PSALM 40:8

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.

HEBREWS 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

PSALM 2:12

What joy for all those who take refuge in Him, who put their trust in the Lord.

MATTHEW 4:4

You shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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DISCUSSION:

Psalm 33:1-3 tells us to be joyful and praise the Lord. Do you praise the Lord often? If not, what are some things that hinder you? What happens when you "practice" praising God? Where does joy come from? Where does strength come from? Why should you choose to be a person of praise?

Psalm 33:4-9 focuses on God's Word. What does the Psalmist say about God's Word? How does this encourage you? Why is this cause for praise?

Psalm 33:10-17 focuses on God's plans and purposes. What does the Psalmist say about God's plans? What does the Psalmist say about the plans of man? What are some of God's purposes for our lives? How was God's purpose and plan fulfilled completely in Christ? Why is this cause for praise?

Psalm 33:18-22 closes by reminding us to put our hope in God. What does it mean to trust and hope in God? What are some ways you can put your confidence in the Lord? What are a few of the benefits of taking refuge in Him? How is this different from the false hope the world offers?

APPLICATION:

What impacted you the most from this lesson? What were your big takeaways? What will you apply to your life? How will you put what you learned into practice in your life this week?

SUMMARY:

There is sufficient reason to be joyful, especially if you know the Lord. In verses 1-3, we are exhorted to be joyful and to praise the Lord. Are you a person of praise? You should be. Praise from those who love the Lord is beautiful. Practice praising God. You'll get better at it. Choose to be a person of praise. When the world's going crazy, you might need to get a little praisey! Come on! Learn to get in God's presence where there is fulness of joy (Psalm 16:11) and let the joy of the Lord be your strength (Nehemiah 8:10).

We are given good reason to praise the Lord. First, the Word of the Lord is right and true (verses 4-9). Second, the plans and the purposes of the Lord stand firm forever (verses 10-17). These are great reasons to rejoice. God's Word is eternal and is settled forever in the heavens (Psalm 119:89). His Word doesn't change. That's the definition of truth. It doesn't change, just like God!

God's plan and purpose was fulfilled completely in Christ. Jesus died and was raised to life. He secured our salvation and guaranteed eternal life to those who put their trust in Him (Psalm 2:12). There is not one thing the enemy can do now to undo what was accomplished on the cross. That ought to give you pause for praise.

Regardless of what is going on in the world, trust the Lord's plans and purposes. Place your confidence in God's plans, not man's. Live by God's Word. Put your hope in God, in His unfailing love, in His help and His protection (verses 18-22).

PRAYER REQUESTS:

