

Psalm 33:6-22

- ⁶By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
- ⁷He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
he puts the deeps in storehouses.
- ⁸Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
- ⁹For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- ¹⁰The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- ¹¹The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
the plans of his heart to all generations.
- ¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
- ¹³The Lord looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;
- ¹⁴from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,
- ¹⁵he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.
- ¹⁶The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
- ¹⁷The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.
- ¹⁸Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
- ¹⁹that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.
- ²⁰Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
- ²¹For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
- ²²Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

God Our Hope

The turmoil of the world is apparent. We see it daily through constant reports of devastating disasters, impending wars, and the corrupt acts of men & women. All of this information can leave us feeling hopeless and wondering who is in control of the world and our lives. Is there any hope for us in this world amidst all the turmoil? Follow the instructions and discover for yourself!

1. Mark the Lord including all the pronouns (*He, His, Him, You*).

Reflect: What did you learn about the Lord? Where is God in the midst of the turmoil of the world?

2. Read through the verses again and underline the people's **response** toward God.

Reflect: How do the people respond to all God does? (Hint: Look at verses 8, 18, 20, 21, 22.)

Reflect: According to these verses, where can you find hope amidst the turmoil?

How does knowing that God is in heaven looking down on the earth enable you to live when things are uncertain, challenging or seemingly hopeless?