

## In God We Trust

### Psalm 33:12-22

#### Big Idea – One Hope, One Victory = Trust in God Alone

**Psalm 33:12** – Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

#### Sermon Summary

It has always been the downfall of mankind whether as individuals or as nations to presume that they are in control of their own destiny as well as to presume that their own strength is significant for any trial, conflict, or tribulation that might come their way. This same attitude has led to the demise of many individuals as well as nations throughout history. There is one source of hope and victory that is not dependent upon external circumstances but remains constant, stable, and true for eternity. This source of hope is found in the words of Psalm 33:12 – Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. The founding fathers of our country understood this principle more than any other of their time and this principle remains true today. Without God we are a nation adrift. We must return to this principle in our modern day times in order to turn our country around: In God We Must Trust Once Again.

#### Three Reasons Why We Trust in God

##### Reason #1 – God is Always Examining Your Life

- **Psalm 33:13-15**
- **Jeremiah 17:10** – "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine in this text helps each person come to the realization of that of the psalmist as he refers to the Lord looking down from heaven, His dwelling place upon the lives, hearts, and actions of mankind. God is not an out-of-touch creator that has created the world and checked out of it. He is a God that is actively watching, judging, and caring for His creation. God is always examining our lives to see who is authentic in their love for Him so that He can determine who will spend eternity with Him. Make no mistake God is not fooled and we will all give an account of the secret and public parts of our lives.

##### Reason #2 – Your Strength Will Not Save You

- **Psalm 33:16-17**
- **Psalm 20:7-8** – <sup>7</sup>Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. <sup>8</sup>They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine in this text almost seems like that of a modern day philosophy. We see a lot of emphasis on self-reliance and making a name for ourselves in our modern day times. We glamorize those that are physically strong, the best athletes, those with the most money, nicest cars, and the most extravagant homes and the culture teaches our children that religion is for the weak. What happens in a society like this? Ultimately they rely on their own strength and the mock God and those who speak of God. But in the end this culture destroys itself because they do not rely on the strength of the Lord. No matter who you

are eventually you will need a strength greater than yourself, greater than a nation...you will need God!

**Reason #3 – God Alone is Our Deliverer**

- **Psalm 33:18-22**
- **Psalm 18:2** – The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine in this text delivers the most important message of the entirety of the passage: God alone is your deliverer. Each one of us needs God as our refuge, our helper, and our deliverer not only for this life but eternity as well.

**Memory Verse**

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