

EVENING WORSHIP

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Title: "Sing to Him a new song"

Text: Psalm 33

(I) AN APPRECIATION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PRAISE

*"Rejoice in the LORD, O You righteous!
For praise from the upright is beautiful." Psalm 33:1*

1. A Call to the Righteous

2. A Call to Rejoice

3. A Call to appreciate Praise as something "beautiful"

(II) A CHALLENGE TO SING TO GOD "A NEW SONG"

*"Praise the LORD with the harp;
Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.
Sing to Him a new song;
Play skillfully with a shout of joy." Psalm 33:2-3*

1. The symbolic ideas behind the concept of "a new song"

- a) Inspiration to compose a brand new song
- b) Inspiration to find the right music to fit the words of the new song

2. The Hidden challenge behind the concept of "a new song"

- a) Not just "from the heart"
- b) Skills are praised and honoured
- c) "Practice makes perfect" - the underlying principle

(III) INSPIRATION TO CREATE "A NEW SONG"

1. Reflections on the Word of God

- a) The Creative word (**Psalm 33:6-11**)

*"For He spoke, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast." Psalm 33:9*

b) The Sustaining Power of God (**Psalm 33:7**)

2. Reflections on our Relationship with God

a) His inheritance (**Psalm 33:12**)

*“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.” **Psalm 33:12***

b) Loving eye of the Lord upon His people

*“Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him.
On those who hope in His mercy” **Psalm 33:18***

c) A deep relationship of Trust

*“Our soul waits for the LORD;
He is our help and our shield.
For our heart shall rejoice in Him,
Because we have trusted in His holy name.” **Psalm 33:20-21***