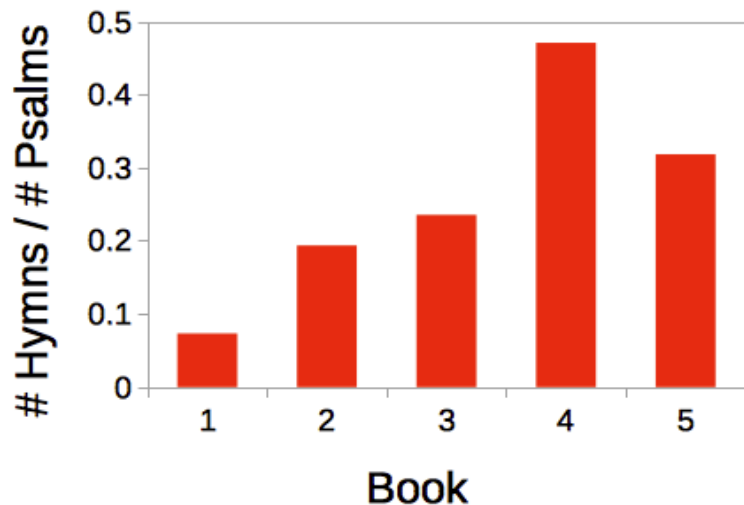


# Treasure Hunt

- What are the two main components of many hymns, like Psalm 32 and 117?
- How does the cause for praise in Psalm 32 recall Psalm 19?
- What lessons for worship do we learn from vv. 1-3?
- What OT passages lie behind the first cause for praise, vv. 4-11?
- What contrast ends the first cause for praise section?
- What OT passage lies behind the second cause for praise, vv. 12-19?
- What contrast ends the second cause for praise section?
- What is the difference between the Lord's vision in vv. 13-15, and 18?
- What kind of people receive God's special attention?
- How do vv. 20-22 relate to the earlier parts of Psalm 33?

# Three Hymns in Book 1



Book 1: 1-41

1-2: Opening

3-14: Strength in **Weakness**

3-7: Laments of the Tired

8: **Hymn:** Victory of Babes & Sucklings

9-14: Laments of the Poor

15-24: **Dwelling** with God

15: Keep the Law to dwell with God

19: **Hymn:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Torah Psalm

24: Keep the law to dwell with God

25: Acrostic of Humble Worship

26-32: Regal **Dwellingplace** Psalms

26-28: God's House for the Righteous

29: The Lord Enthroned on the Flood

30-32: God's Shelter for the Penitent

33: **Hymn:** Creation, Nations, Salvation

34-41: Psalms of the **Sufferer**

34-37: The Innocent Sufferer

38-41: The Guilty Sufferer

# Structure of Psalm 33

Psalm 33: Praising the Lord for his Power and Salvation

1-3: **Call** to praise God openly, sincerely, originally, & skilfully.

Psalms 15-24; 26-32: God Dwells with the Righteous

4-19: **Cause** for praise

4-11: The **Power** of the Lord's **Word**

- 4-5: Based on uprightness & righteousness
- 6: Demonstrated in creation (Gen 1)
- 7: Demonstrated at the Red Sea (Exod 15)
- 8-9: Leads to fear & awe
- 10-11: CONTRAST between human & divine purposes

Psalm 19: God's Revelation

1-6: Revelation in Nature ("**God**")

- 1-3: *What* it says
- 4-6: *Where* it says it

12-19: The **Blessing** of the Lord's **Salvation**

- 12-13: He chooses a people (Deut 7, 33)
- 16-19: CONTRAST between human & divine deliverance

7-14: Revelation in Scripture ("**LORD**")

- 7-9: Description of the Law (God = **He**)
- 10-14: Response to the Law (God = **Thou**)

20-22: **Confession** praising God for his help.

Psalms 3-14; 34-41: God Cares for the Weak

# Call to Praise and Cause for Praise

	Psalm 117	Psalm 33
Call to Praise	1 O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. 2b Praise ye the LORD.	vv. 1-3, 20-22
Cause for Praise	2a For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever.	vv. 4-19

# Psalm 32 and Psalm 33

Psalm 32	Psalm 33
11 <b>Be glad</b> שמח in the LORD, and rejoice, <b>ye righteous:</b> and <b>shout for joy</b> רנן, all ye <i>that are</i> <b>upright</b> in <b>heart.</b>	1 <b>Rejoice</b> רנן in the LORD, O <b>ye righteous:</b> for praise is comely for the <b>upright.</b> ... 21 For our <b>heart</b> shall <b>rejoice</b> שמח in him, because we have trusted בטח in his holy name.

# Helpful References

v.1 Rejoice ...O ye righteous ... the upright

Psa 51:14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. 15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. 16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. 18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. 19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

v.6 **word** of the Lord ... breath [**spirit**] of his mouth

Gen 1:2 And the **Spirit** of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God **said**, Let there be light: and there was light.

v.7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an **heap**: he layeth up the **depth** ...

Exo 15:8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an **heap**, *and* the **depths** were congealed in the heart of the sea.

# Helpful References (2)

Where is God's word (v. 4) in v. 7?

Exo 14:15 **And the LORD said unto Moses**, ... 16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea.

Exo 14:26 **And the LORD said unto Moses**, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

v.8 Let all the earth **fear** the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world **stand in awe** of him

Exo 15:14 The people shall hear, *and* be **afraid**: **sorrow** shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina. 15 Then the dukes of Edom shall be **amazed**; the mighty men of Moab, **trembling** shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall **melt** away. 16 **Fear and dread** shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be *as still* as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, *which* thou hast purchased.

# Helpful References (3)

v.8 ... **fear** the LORD ...  
**stand in awe** of him

Jos 2:9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your **terror** is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land **faint** because of you. 10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; ... 11 And as soon as we had heard *these things*, **our hearts did melt**, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he *is* God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

v. 12a **Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD;**

Deut. 33:29 **Happy art thou**, O Israel: who *is* like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who *is* the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

v. 12b *and* the **people whom he hath chosen** for his own inheritance.

Deu 7:6 For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: **the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself**, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

v. 13 The LORD **looketh** ... ; he **beholdeth all** the sons of men. 14 ... he **looketh** upon **all** the inhabitants of the earth. 15 ... he **considereth all** their works.

Act 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God **winked** at; but now commandeth **all men every where** to repent:

# God's Vision vs. God's Eyes

v.18 **The eye of the Lord is upon** them that fear him.

Deu 11:11 But the land, whither ye go to possess it, *is* a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinketh water of the rain of heaven: 12 A land which the LORD thy God careth for: **the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it**, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

Psa 34:15 **The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous**, and his ears *are open* unto their cry. 16 The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

1Ki 8:29 That **thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day**, *even* toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.

2Ch 16:9 For **the eyes of the LORD** run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to **shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him**.



# Revised Structure of Psalm 33 (6/3/18)

