

# Because He Is

Psalm 33:18-21

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## A. We Are (vs. 18-19):

1. Behold – After David described all that God is and does, he seeks to bring specific attention to these last four verses. These verses are the emphasis that David seeks.
2. Behold – Take note of this passage so that faith rather than anxiety guides you.
3. Eyes – When the Psalmist says the eyes of the Lord are upon us, he is seeking to explicitly demonstrate God's tender care for us, which leads to His complete attention on those who revere Him (1 Peter 3:8-12).
4. Eyes – God faithfully pays attention to the needs of those who trust Him.
5. Lord – Lord is used in this part of the chapter to demonstrate God's abiding presence because of His covenant with us and His power and authority to rule in our favor.
6. Fear God – God provides more specific attention to those who live in awe of His power, might, and holy character. These individuals reverence and respect who God is as they live each and every day (Psalm 112:1-13; 128:1-2).
7. Fear God – Living constantly conscious of God's power and holiness provides powerful responses from God.
8. Hope – God's tender, complete attention is upon those who wait with the expectation that He will come through because of who He is.
9. Hope – My hope is based on my confidence in His Word (Hebrews 11:3,6).
10. Lovingkindness – The Lord's covenant establishes His obligation to demonstrate His love and mercy toward us steadfastly .
11. Lovingkindness – The Lord, generously and with complete loyalty, steadfastly provides His love and mercy towards those who reverence Him.
12. Lovingkindness – Those who seek the Lord, He promises, they will find Him (Luke 12:31-32).
13. Delivers – The Lord rescues those who fear Him by snatching them out of anguish and death.
14. Soul from death – The Lord preserves the life He provides us from deadly sicknesses or destruction that has come upon us outside of His plan for our lives (Ecc. 12:13-14).
15. Keep alive – Faithfully waiting on God keeps us alive and productive in hard times.

16. Keep alive - When famine and pestilences comes, God preserves the lives of those who fear Him.
17. Keep alive- If things go badly in a time of famine and pestilences, God restores the losses of those who fear Him.

## **B. Learn to Wait (v. 20):**

1. Soul, mind – Everything vital to the preservation and vitality of our day-to-day lives is dependent upon God.
2. Soul, mind – Waiting on God must be based on our faith, not our outer circumstances.
3. Waits – Those who fear God must completely surrender to God’s faithfulness, mercy, and grace as they wait for Him to act.
4. Lord – The faithful can wait because the Lord is powerful, mighty, and loyal to those who fear Him.
5. Help – God willfully and with complete loyalty provides assistance, as a result of His powerful divine aid, to those who fear Him and wait upon Him.
6. He is our help – Remember that God is deeply committed to powerfully supporting us.
7. Shield – As a result, God becomes a powerful protection that covers those who fear Him from all attacks, whether from our enemies or a result of earthly calamities (Psalm 34:7).

## **C. Trust Him (vs. 21-22):**

1. For our heart – As a result, all that God does should stir our innermost being and create a strong earnest desire to worship Him.
2. Rejoice – The high emotion that is experienced leads to endless spontaneous expressions of happiness, which is exposed in festive celebratory praise (failure to worship the Lord with gladness brought judgment Deut. 28:47).
3. Rejoice – Respect for God’s supreme power and might compared to His tender attentive love towards us leads to a reverent, worshipful response.
4. Because we trust Him – These sincere expressions of praise can only result from a confident expectation that God will never turn against those who fear Him.
5. Because we trust Him – Those who worship the Lord sincerely with full joyous expressions of happiness can honestly do so because they have a true sense of well-being that has reduced their anxiety so that they comfortably rest in Him.

6. Because we trust Him – Surrendering our lives to God reduces anxiety and increases praise.
7. Because we trust Him – Trusting God opens our eyes to His love and power and increases worship.
8. His Holy name - A firm surrender to God is also based on the reputation, fame and meaning of the consecrated name of the Lord.
9. His Holy name - The Lord's name is above every name because it represents power, authority, and the holy nature of God (Philippians 2:9).
10. His Holy name – We can face life's issues with certainty because His name is above every name.
11. Lovingkindness – God powerfully comes through for those who believe in His love for them.
12. Hope – My hope is based on my confidence in His Word (Hebrews 11:3,6).
13. Hope – God faithfully serves those who steadfastly trust in Him (Joseph, Elijah).