

December 30 | Sunday

New Year, New Song

Read [Psalm 33:1-22](#)



31 | Mon – Looking back | Read [Psalm 33:1-3](#)

For many people, January 1st signals a new beginning. Special celebrations often include music and here the psalm writer calls us to celebrate the Lord and ‘sing a new song’. What does that phrase mean to you? Maybe you are not gifted in music or singing but you can always use your words to praise God. Reflecting on the past year, what are some ways the Lord has shown his faithfulness in your life?

01 | Tue – Not *what* but *Who* | Read [Psalm 33:4-5](#)

If the past year or even this season has been filled with hard circumstances for you, it may be difficult to praise God. However, it is important to remember that *praise* focuses directly on *who God is*. If you are having trouble seeing God’s goodness, these verses highlight at least three of His qualities that are praiseworthy. How can focusing on God’s character instead of circumstances change your perspective?

02 | Wed – Look up | Read [Psalm 33:6-9](#)

It is not only God’s character and goodness that are worth celebrating. Look around and see God’s creative handiwork everywhere. What love inspired the beauty we see? If you can think of nothing else to thank God for, this is a good place to start. God has poured out this beauty in nature for all of us to enjoy...the godly, the ungodly, the saints, the sinners. Everyone alike is a beneficiary of the beauty of creation. Can you think of a natural wonder you’ve seen which caused you to look up at your Creator with awe?

03 | Thu – A good future ahead | Read [Psalm 33:10-11](#)

God has had plans for you, your family, your world long before you were born or before the current political party came into power. No matter what happens on a level far beyond your control, God’s plans will still succeed. One company attempts a hostile takeover of another; your co-worker goes behind your back to steal your job; nations scheme to take advantage of each other. And these plans are thwarted. Only the plans of the Lord will stand firm. It will be His purposes that succeed. How have you seen this happen in your own life?

04 | Fri – It’s personal | Read [Psalm 33:12-19](#)

How it is possible to find joy in the face of difficulty? Carefully read these verses and notice what amazing things God does for those who fear (respect) Him, those who put their hope in His unfailing love. The Lord sees you, keeps you alive, and defends you, no matter how weak you might feel. Is there something coming in the new year that you dread? Start expressing your confidence in the Lord right now, ahead of time. He’s got this!

05 | Sat – Your part | Read [Psalm 33:20-22](#)

Because of God’s great affection for you and because God has all power and can do anything, you can find your new song in Him. The Lord will do what needs to be done at the right time. So what is your part in all this? While you wait, rejoice in who the Lord is, trust in the Lord’s holy name and put your hope in Him. Find a song that reflects this perspective and then sing with all your heart!