

SERMON SUMMARY

Date: July 15, 2007	11:00 am Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Donald Lawrence	Reference: Psalm 33:1-22
Topic: Grasping Our Lord's Desire... for living in a Nation of Great Force – Enforcement	

Lord Acton is known to have said “*Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.*” That begs the question, is there no responsible hold on power? And what of response to power...is there any corrupting possibility there?

This Psalm is one of praising God's power in creation and history. It is meant to draw attention to God's character and control as the Sovereign One. It is also meant to show His choice of and covering for the faithful as the Saving One.

Verses 1-5 seem to paint a picture of a God who is Incorruptible, as they look at:

- a) What is Acceptable to Him, namely:
 - ✦ Praises that are Sound (v.1)
 - ✦ Praises that are Sweet (v.2)
 - ✦ Praises that are Strong (v.3)
- b) His Authenticity (v.4)
- c) His Affection (v.5)

This should encourage us to build character pleasing to God. Our focus should be on being Sincere before God because the fact is the Lord regards those who are honest.

The Invincible God is seen in verses 6-11, depicted in:

- ✦ Creating the world (6-9)
- ✦ Confounding the world (10)
- ✦ Confirming His Will (11)

This is a call to banish confrontation punishable by God. This demands of us to focus on being Submissive to God because He regards those who honor Him.

In verses 12-19, we see The Inscrutable God, through His:

- a) Approval (12)
- b) Appraisal
 - ✦ spread (13-14)
 - ✦ secrets (15)
 - ✦ size (16a)
 - ✦ stance (16b)
 - ✦ strength (17)
- c) Anointed
 - ✦ View (18)
 - ✦ Victory (19)

This should cause to broaden confidence in the power of God, which in turn should lead us to focus on being led by the Spirit of God. The Lord regards those who are Holy.

Verses 20-22 show us the The Inexhaustible God.

- ✦ Interventions can be expected from Him (20)
- ✦ Invigoration can be received from Him (21)
- ✦ Intercession can be made to Him (22)

This is a call to boost continually patience with God. We need to focus on being a Suppliant to God because the fact is that The Lord regards those who are Humble.

When we submit ourselves to the source of all power then subversive and corruptible acts are stemmed, resulting in sustenance for a righteous life. Let us acknowledge The Lord's dominion and so discern His will for our lives.

