



Four Solid Reasons to Worship God

Psalm 33

English Services

(8 & 10:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.)

Prelude
Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Community Prayer
Worship through Fellowship
Testimony
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word
Pastor Larry Pabiona
Worship through Giving
Response Song
Benediction

Filipino Service

(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda
Tawag sa Pagsamba
Pagsamba sa Pag-aawitan
Panalangin ng Komunidad
Pagkilala sa mga Bisita
Patotoo
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos
Pastor Dags Miguel
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay
Tugon na Awit
Bendisyon



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Today's Message (15/16 February 2019) / *Psalm 33*

IN THE SIGHT
OF GOD, AND
IN THIS WORLD
REALLY RULED
BY GOD, IT IS
WORSHIPERS,
NOT WARRIORS,
WHO WIN THE
WAR.

At a time like this when many things look so bleak in the world—a potential pandemic, a violent volcano, and wrecked relationships between countries, we need a refreshing new perspective to view life with. And nowhere is a better perspective found than in Psalm 33.

This psalm is pure praise, pure worship from beginning to end. Without a doubt this is one of our greatest needs today, the need to be drawn back into realizing how blessed those who belong to God really are. This psalm teaches us why we need to praise God and why it is good for us to do so:

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS C_____!
(vv. 1-5)

- God's character is revealed by His Word (captured today in the Bible) and His works. They reveal that He is upright, faithful, loves righteousness and justice, and is full of steadfast love (Hebrew '*hesed*').
- How else can we respond? We cannot respond mildly. We shout, we sing or write new songs, we play musical instruments. We were made to worship! Worship is sometimes silent, but it is never apologetic or ashamed.

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS C_____!
(vv. 6-9)

- Creation is one of God's greatest works. The order of the universe witnesses to a Creator-God who deserves our awe and worship. This same Creator sustains the world He made. Do

Traditional Service

(February 15, Sat., 6:00 p.m.)

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Call To Worship

Worship Through Praise

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Worship Through Fellowship

Testimony

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Preparatory Hymn

Scripture Reading

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Response Hymn

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you let nature, and its beauty and majesty, call your heart to worship? Why not? Look at it from hereon with a new set of eyes.

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS C_____! (vv. 10-17)

- “The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing”. Current events show us how humbling circumstances can be to those who think they are in power, whether nations or their rulers. When a virus too small for the naked eye evokes terror and disrupts the most normal functions of life through a lockdown, where is the power of super-nations, dictators and tyrants? When a volcano supposedly domesticated into a tourist spot threatens to erupt, where is the power of the self-appointed “son of god” who claims to stop earthquakes? Where is the power of those who ranted and called God “stupid”?
- “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD”—that principle can still hold true for our country, but is God indeed the Lord of this country? As believers there is much we can do about this—we were saved to share the gospel, not to keep what we have. We can mouth all the words of patriotism that we want, but it is the gospel that changes lives and people.

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS C_____! (vv. 18-22)

- What is God's greatest work? Redemption. “The eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his (*hesed*), that he may deliver their soul from death”. This is the praise of the redeemed heart.
- “For our heart is glad in him”—this is the state of the trusting heart. Even as it prays, “Let your *hesed* O LORD, be upon us,” it never ever loses hope.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Call it praise therapy. Or worship therapy. Both mean and achieve the same thing. Whether you struggle with despair about what is going on in the world outside or in your soul inside—seeing God, reflecting on God, worshiping God, and realizing His reality and care—will hopefully revive you and turn your life around.

In the sight of God, and in this world really ruled by God, it is worshipers, not warriors, who win the war ■

OIKOS: EACH ONE, REACH ONE, TEACH ONE

Reviewing our church's *Oikos* 1 Strategy launched two years ago, imagine the difference if every GCFer take to heart the church's vision to see lives and communities transformed through Jesus Christ—then every home, office, school, barangay, every foreigner and every person within our spheres of influence would have the opportunity to experience what we have in Jesus. So as Christ's ambassadors to all nations (Matthew 28:18-20), the *Oikos* strategy can be applied like this:

- **Pray.** Start praying even with just one friend. Ask the Lord to give you courage and the opportunity to express Christ's love to that friend. Include him/her in your personal regular quiet time with God.
- **Relate.** Message or comment on your friend's most recent social media post. Initiate conversation by asking him/her how he/she is, and his/her family. Look forward to attend birthday parties, reunions and get-togethers. Converse and be updated with a friend. Ask them how they are and express to him/her your genuine interest and care.
- **Invite.** Sense if your friend is willing to join you in a weekend service in church or your Growth Group. Consider also inviting them to one of the many programs in our church like Joy Women and S.H.E. events, or Young Adult (YA) Talks, or our Couples Who Care (CWC) programs like Biblical Portraits of Marriage. Go together to these events and introduce them to fellow GCFers who can

help you in making your friend feel welcome and at home in GCF.

- **Share.** Open up and share your testimony. Share how you are a work-in-progress as a Christian. As you share your life story, remember to share Jesus—your Lord and Savior who is able to also lift up, give worth and purpose, heal, save, and forgive your friend.
- **Disciple.** Give your friend a bible, and to start your discipleship journey together—invite him/ her to read the Gospels with you, one chapter at a time. Schedule to meet regularly (weekly, twice a month) and invite him/her to regularly attend your Growth Group or Sunday service. Ask how the Lord is speaking to him/her and share your insights to one another!

DMG LEADERS ASSEMBLY: #YEAROFTHEBIBLE

To further realize GCF's vision in relation to the *Oikos* Strategy and in cooperation with the World Evangelical Alliance's (WEA) and the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches' (PCEC) thrust to promote 2020 as The Year of the Bible, we would like our GG leaders, assistant leaders, coordinators and potential leaders to join us in our upcoming Disciple Making Group (DMG) Leaders Assembly on February 29 (Sat), 4:00-6:00 p.m., as we read 3 John and explore together how we can read our Bibles missionally.

For more information regarding the *Oikos* Strategy (for inquiries on trainings and material requests), as well as information on the DMG leaders assembly, please visit us downstairs at the ministry information booth ■

Ministry Opportunities + Announcements

Starting March 1, 2020, our
Sunday Vesper Service

*will be held at 5:00 p.m.
 instead of 5:30 p.m.*



BLOOMING FOR GOD IN THE GARDEN OF WIDOWHOOD

Naomi Women 5th Anniversary
 February 22 (Sat), 9 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall
 Speaker: Pastor Larry Pabiona
 Testimony: Mrs. Vilma Joson
 For those who will attend, please dress in a way that will make you “bloom”.



WEDDING NINONGS & NINANGS FELLOWSHIP

Inviting all wedding godparents to explore how you can serve in this unique oikos relationship
 Feb 23 (Sun), 12-3 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall
 Please register at the ministry information booth. For details, contact 0917 532 7713.



SCHOOL STRESS: MANIFESTATIONS AND SOLUTIONS

March seminar of #ParentsTalk, a year-long midweek series on parenting
 March 4 (Wed), 7:00-8:30 p.m at the Fellowship Hall. Open to everyone. Speaker to be announced.



CHISMISSIONS

Conversations about and from the mission field
 Guest: Gentle Hands Orphanages
 March 15 (Sun), 12:00-2:30 p.m at the Fellowship Hall. For more details, please contact 0932 371 3457.

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God for His grace, mercy and blessings by an anonymous donor, Ramona Almirez and Crosslight Medical Clinic. Please call 8632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.

DISCIPLE-MAKING EVENTS

Growth Group Express (GGEx)

Mixed group
 Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Rm. B124 (GG Center)

Sunflowers Growth Group

Group for women
 Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Rm. B506

Burning Hearts Chronicles Growth Group

Group for couples
 Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
 Rm. B123

Jars of Clay Growth Group

Group for women
 Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Rm. B512

For those interested in joining any of the groups above, please text or call us at 0917 779 1549, or fill-out the tear-off form and give to the ushers or drop in one of the offering bags/boxes.

YOUTH **LiVE** SERVICE

Every Saturday, for high school and college students
 5:00 p.m. at Auditorium A
Y-groups meet after the service

YOUTH **LiVE** PRAYER HUDDLE

Every Friday
 7:00 p.m. at the Youth Center

DMG Leaders' Assembly

Topic: Missions Education
 February 29 (Sat), 4-6 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / February 2020

FEBRUARY	Projected	Rcvd., Feb. 1-6	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of Feb. 6
General Funds	7,833,313	3,866,413	General Funds	16,907,087	11,817,672
Mission Support Fund	1,056,726	367,126	Mission Support Fund	2,177,807	1,075,544
Others (Designated, etc.)	863,005	153,528	Others (Designated, etc.)	1,704,259	2,652,858
TOTAL	11,036,109	4,387,067	TOTAL	20,789,153	15,546,073

One tribe, one tongue at a time

BY GAI BUCE

The Bible reveals that when Jesus Christ comes again, those who worship Him are from every nation, all tribes, and peoples and languages. But how can people put their faith in Christ if God's Word comes to them in language that they do not understand? It is necessary then that the Bible is translated in their language.

Twelve years ago, the Lord led me to a faith-based mission organization involved in the ministry of Bible translation. As Prayer Coordinator, I had my mission exposure in an indigenous people group in northern Luzon. Through that experience, I have witnessed how these people are in dire need of the transforming power of the Bible in their midst. Despite their very poor economic condition, they prioritize ownership of firearms due to tribal conflicts which are difficult to resolve because of deeply-rooted hostilities against each other over disputes on land territories.

A Bible translation project was already taking place during my stay in that village. Through the Bible translation process, the Butbut tribe is evangelized and discipled. Many years later, two churches were established even prior to its completion. An inter-church fellowship was organized and became the venue for prayer and promoting peace by preaching and

practicing the message of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Just two weeks ago, we received from them an urgent prayer request due to a frustrated assault by another tribe on one of their young people. Though we prayed for them, we also rejoice that they quickly seek refuge and deliverance from the Lord. Their immediate call to prayer for God's protection manifests their increasing trust in the Lord instead of their capacity to retaliate against their enemies.

This is what we envision at Translators Association of the Philippines, the organization I'm currently part of. We see transformation of lives and communities as the Bible becomes accessible in the language that best speaks to their hearts.

I encourage you to take part in God's mission in making the Bible accessible to every tribe. Your prayers and support will help sustain this ministry, more people will have God's Word in their own language, lives and communities will be transformed, and our Lord Jesus Christ alone will be exalted ■

Do you want to give directly to GCF's missions efforts?

Just use this envelope with black label to designate your giving for this ministry.



PRAYER
at the Chapel

The GCF Hour of Prayer
Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.

Midweek Prayer Service
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Weeknight Prayer Gatherings
Except Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.

ON THE COVER: *By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.—Psalm 33:6-7 (photo by Kruiise Collins, unsplash.com).*



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How may we
SERVE YOU BETTER?

Fill-out this tear off form and drop it in an offering bag/box or at the Ministry Information Booth.

Please check all that is applicable:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord for the first time today.
- I would like to know how to become a Christian.
- I am interested in becoming a member of this church.
- I want to join a Growth Group.**
(Specify age group: _____)
(Specify group composition: _____)
- I want to start a Growth Group.
- I want to host a Growth Group.

Name: _____

Age: ____ Landline no.: _____

Mobile no.: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Date: **15/16 February 2020**

Write below *any* inquiry or prayer item that you want to ask or share.

Consent to use your information:

By affixing your signature below, you give permission to Greenhills Christian Fellowship, its ministries and its staff, to store and use the information you provided above for the sole purpose of contacting you and updating you about any inquiry you have made.

Your signature

For hospital or house visitation, dedication service, or funeral service requests, please call or text 0917 532 7794.

God's Way to Heaven

THE GOSPEL

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

God is holy and righteous: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3). **He requires holiness of us as well:** "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

Man is sinful: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).
Sin demands a penalty: "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

Christ is the expression of God's love for us: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). **Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

PRAYER: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe that you died on the cross in my place, to save me from my sins, and I accept you as my Savior, and the Master of my life forever. Amen.*

Need someone to talk to?

Visit the Emmaus Road Counseling Center at the GCF Mezzanine floor or contact 632 1354 to 56, 635 0078 to 80 or 0917 532 7794 for inquiries.