

We worship God for many reasons. Here are a few:

- ★We worship God because he **commands** it;
- ★We worship God because he **deserves** it;
- ★We worship God because it **glorifies** him;
- ★We worship God because it **edifies**/strengthens the saints;
- ★We worship God because it **prepares** for heaven;
- ★We worship God because it **refocuses**/counsels us!

**THESIS — Ps 33 teaches us to praise & worship God with joyful songs!**

## **I. praise God for HIS WORK IN CREATION (1-9)**

his POWER!

- ★Creation by divine *fiat* - God's spoken word (v.6)
- ★Creation at God's prerogative (v.7)
- ★Creation leading to fearful awe (v.8)
- ★Creation that instantly & fully obeys (v.9)

The truths in verses 6-9 are slam dunk arguments for divine creationism and they emphatically debunk all forms of evolution.

## **II. praise God for HIS WORK IN HISTORY (10-17)**

his PROVIDENCE!

(1) History in God's Decrees over the Nations (10-11)

(2) History in God's election of Israel (12)

(3) History in God's care and condescension (13-17)

***You can stand in awe!***

1. Stand in awe at God's creation of the world!
2. Stand in awe at God the Creator who condescends to orchestrate \*every single event\* in all human history.
3. Stand in awe at God's incarnation in Jesus Christ
4. Stand in awe at God's propitiation of furious anger.
5. Stand in awe at God's regeneration of rebel souls!
6. Stand in awe at God's compassion for His children!

**III. praise God for HIS WORK IN MY LIFE (18-22)**

his PROTECTION!

- ★God's eye (18)
- ★God's love (18)
- ★God's preservation (19)
- ★God's protection (20)
- ★God's trustworthiness (21-22)

***Perhaps one reasons why believers are so joyless and find it so difficult to sing, sing loudly, sing with heart, sing with fullness, and sing daily is that they have not stopped to ponder the power of God's WORD, God's WORKS, and God's LOVE.***

focus on the Gospel - Romans 8:28-38

focus on the NEW LIFE - 2 Corinthians 4:4-6

focus on the TRIUMPH of Satan - Rev 20:1-10

**additional notes on CREATIONISM by AnswersInGenesis****1. CREATION**

According to Scripture, God created "the heavens and the earth" fully formed and functioning in six days, about 6,000 years ago (around 4000 BC). The context of Genesis 1, as well as other places in the Bible, make it clear that these days were ordinary, 24-hour days. God's original creation was perfect, with no death or suffering. Creation stands in stark contrast to evolution and unbelieving thought. In addition, biblical creation supports many vital concepts in Christian theology.

**2. What Is Biblical Creation?**

Biblical creation is based on the Bible where God created the universe and everything in it as described in Genesis (Genesis 1:1-2:3 is the specific creation week though commonly creation means Genesis 1-11). The Creator did not need matter, large amounts of time, energy, or anything else. He created out of nothing in six literal normal-length days about six thousand years ago.

**Psalm 33 — “Praise God with Joyful Songs!”**

Biblical creation is not compatible with the belief that the world just happened through an extended, naturalistic, and chance process over many billions of years. Biblical creation upholds the Bible as God’s eyewitness account of actual creation events since God was the only one there to observe what happened at the very beginning.

In addition, biblical creationists do not view the Bible or the book of Genesis as a mythological or allegorical document. Instead, the Bible is rightly considered a historical document that records what actually happened and is the only true and real history.

**3. The Bible Teaches Creation**

The Bible teaches God created the universe. In multiple verses in both the Old and New Testaments, it is clear that God created everything that was made. Here is a small listing

- “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).
- “For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy” (Exodus 20:11).
- “You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. (Nehemiah 9:6)
- “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made” (John 1:1-3).
- “For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities –all things were created through him and for him” (Colossians 1:16).
- “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created” (Revelation 4:11).

Biblical revelation is the key for understanding this world—including how the world came to be. Opposing views are based on many presuppositions, each of which is diametrically opposed to biblical assumptions. But the Bible is the foundational, irreplaceable source of information about the creation of the universe.

**4. Basic Assumptions of Biblical Creation**

Biblical creation is based on the Bible being the absolute authority. Several biblical presuppositions are diametrically opposed to evolutionary and naturalistic beliefs, the competing religious origins narrative. Biblical creation entails:

- The Creator God of the Bible exists.
- The entire universe, heaven, created spiritual beings, and all life on earth originated at creation.
- God created all things in six normal-length days of approximately 24 hours.
- God began creating without the use of any previously existing matter.
- God’s creative activities cannot be explained merely in terms of natural laws; neither are they subject to the above limits.
- The Bible indicates that life has a purpose.
- The Bible reveals that the God of the Bible is the Designer of all things.
- There is a definite beginning point of time, per Genesis 1:1.
- The past is the key to the present.
- Death is the result of the sin of the first human couple.
- Creation was adversely affected by man’s sin.
- The present geological structures of the earth’s crust cannot be properly explained without recourse to Noah’s flood.
- Life does not come from nonlife.
- The creation of living organisms (original kinds) was completed during creation week. Speciation and variations within created kinds have been ongoing since creation.

Source: [AnswersInGenesis.org/Creation](https://AnswersInGenesis.org/Creation)

**Westminster Confession of Faith** [a confession of the Christian faith from the Westminster, Puritan scholars, 1646]

#### CHAPTER IV - On Creation

1. It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the manifestation of the glory of his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, to create, or make of nothing, the world and all things in it, whether visible or invisible, in the beginning in the space of six days; all of this was very good.

#### CHAPTER V — Of Providence

1. God the great Creator of all things upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his certain foreknowledge and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy

### HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

### PSALM 33: *The Psalter* (Isaac Watts)

Tune: "There is a fountain filled with blood)

Rejoice, ye righteous, in the Lord,  
This work belongs to you;  
Sing of his name, his ways, his word,  
How holy, just, and true!  
His mercy and his righteousness  
Let heav'n and earth proclaim;  
His works of nature and of grace  
Reveal his wondrous name.

Ye people of the spacious earth,  
With fear before him stand  
He spake, and nature took its birth,  
And rests on his command.

He scorns the angry nations' rage,  
And breaks their vain designs;  
His counsel stands through every age,  
And in full glory shines.

Kings are not rescued by the force  
Of armies from the grave;  
Nor speed nor courage of a horse  
Can his bold rider save.  
Vain is the strength of beasts or men,  
Nor springs our safety thence;  
But holy souls from God obtain  
A sure and strong defense.