

## I. Review

Last week we started Psalms 33, and I told you we were going to break it into two sections. I showed you that it is a millennial Psalm where Christ is now on the throne, and all the earth is rejoicing in His presence. It's the fulfillment of many places in the Old Testament, but in particular, the great eight chapters in Ezekiel, chapter 40 through chapter 48, that really deal in great detail with the millennial reign of the Lord Jesus Christ. We saw last week the key verse on the power of God, and how the heavens were made, is Psalms 33:6.

*Psalms 33:6. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.*

It started out as a praise to Christ on the throne in the millennium, but then we see it as it relates to you and to me. We saw that same power of God's Word that He used in creating everything, as the Bible says, all the heavenly host of them, will be the same power that you and I, as a child of God, can have in our lives.

I used a simple example last week, and I think sometimes, many times, like the Lord did, using basic, simple examples really illustrates the truth. I used the example of how when you build a house, you at some point have to hire an electrician. Your house may be finished; your house may have all the windows and the walls and everything up, but it will never be ready to live in properly and comfortably until all the electric appliances are hooked up.

I showed you how **your spiritual house needs to be hooked up to the right power source**. The job of a pastor will be to hardwire his people into the power of the Word of God, giving you the power to reach the world. This church, any church that plugs in, the Bible says, *a city that is set on an hill cannot be hid* (Matthew 5:14). The people in the darkness of this world, seeing your light and your life and the congregation of a church that is plugged into the power of God, will be the light into this dark world.

## II. Digging into Psalms 33:10-22

Now, let's look at our second half of this chapter, verses 10 through 22 of chapter 33. Allow me to read it, and then we will finish out this great chapter.

*Psalms 33:10-22*

*10. The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.*

*11. The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever; the thoughts of his heart to all generations.*

*12. Blessed [is] the nation whose God [is] the LORD; and the people [whom] he hath chosen for his own inheritance.*

13. *The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.*
14. *From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.*
15. *He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.*
16. *There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.*
17. *An horse [is] a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver [any] by his great strength.*
18. *Behold, the eye of the LORD [is] upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;*
19. *To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.*
20. *Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.*
21. *For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.*
22. *Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.*

### III. God's Judgment of the Nations

As I said last week, this Psalm again will be dealing with the millennial reign of Christ. God now has established His government. We know from Isaiah 9:6-7, and Revelation 20, that there is a government coming that is His righteous government. When He does this, this is what the passage is saying here, He will bring all the governments and all the nations under His rule. Revelation 2:27 says that rule is a rod of iron. It is an iron rule. It is not one for debate. It is not one for vote, not a democracy, but a theocracy. It is God on the throne, and He sets the standard for the inhabitants on planet earth.

Now, in your Bible, you will have seven judgments. It's one of the great studies in your Bible on God's systematic theology that is a natural format to teach you the Bible. One of those judgments will be found in Matthew 25:33, and we will get into it here next Thursday. This is called the judgment of the nations. This takes place at the second coming of Christ as He goes into the millennium. But in Psalms 9:17, we see the great principle that God will judge nations just as assuredly as He judges men.

*Psalms 9:17. The wicked shall be turned into hell, [and] all the nations that forget God.*

When He returns, He is going to completely change the course of all the nations on planet earth. All the governments will cease to exist. There will be no more government against government, Iraq versus Iran, America versus whoever. It will all be done then. When He returns, He will completely change the course of nations that will be left on earth. You will find this in Zechariah 14. Psalms 33:10 says that when He does, when He returns, when He sits on that throne, He will bring the counsel of the heathen to nought.

## IV. Man's Devices vs. God's Counsel

Now, I want to look at Psalms 33:10. It talks about devices. These devices will be defined for you in the Bible in Proverbs 19:21:

*Proverbs 19:21. [There are] many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.*

A lot of the message today that we are going to be talking about in different segments, not only historically, doctrinally, and inspirationally, is simply going to come down to God's counsel or man's counsel, and which one you are going to follow. Inspirationally, this will be a great verse in understanding or dealing with people. Many of you work with me in helping people learn the Bible, helping people get through their problems in our counseling ministry here. But in dealing with people, you will find that people will have devices in their heart to use and to justify the lifestyle or the action that they want that ultimately is going to go against God.

In the world around us, those devices are things like:

- **Philosophy**, completely out of touch with the Word of God.
- **Science**. The Bible says that there is a science falsely so-called because true science is found in the Bible, but it becomes a device.
- **Education**. Nothing wrong with education, but education that tries to educate you outside of the Word of God and God is a device.
- **Psychiatry**. Psychiatry is today used to try to solve everybody's problems. Psychiatry will solve nobody's problems. It is a device. If you are unsaved, you have problems because you have lived your life against God for so long that it builds up. If you are saved and you have problems in your life, it is because you have been out of fellowship with God for so long and you grieve the Holy Spirit of God; there are your problems. Those things are devices.
- **Evolution**. Evolution is nothing more than a device. I could take you into the Bible and show you how evolution could never, ever, ever, ever be, but it still becomes a device.
- **Religion**. Man will create man-made religions as a device.

**All devices are for one reason, and that is to get you around the Word of God and the things of God and the counsel of God.**

### ➤ Man's Rationalization vs. God's Reality

The things that are put in our life to get us around the Bible are called rationalization. People rationalize things in their lives. If you begin to deal with people, you are going to see that quicker than anything else. In spite of all that, the Word of God, God's counsel, the Bible tells us, is going to stand.

*Psalms 33:11. The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.*

In this life, the counsel or devices of man will always lead to a rationalization of whatever you are dealing with because you want to get around the truth that will really fix the problem. But the Bible, God's counsel, will always lead you to the reality of life. The reality of life is what really is true. If you go back to Daniel chapter 2, where Daniel and the Hebrew children are before Nebuchadnezzar, and they go up against each other, you will find that Nebuchadnezzar, who represents the world, can only offer through his kingdom an illusion of things that are not true. Daniel has the reality. Most people, and unfortunately many Christians, do not live in the reality today. Reality is what is real, not some fantasy Christianity that fits what you want it to be.

I have found too many times in dealing with people that we want to believe things we want to be true, even when they are not true. You find a young girl or a young guy who finds some guy or girl; they want to get married, and one person is saved, and the other person is not. How many times have I seen somebody wanting to get married so desperately that they convince themselves in their heart that the person they are going to marry is saved, and they are not. It only comes to light some years later when you find out that you were not looking at it in reality; you were looking at it in a rationalization. I find it all the time. I find people that get into circumstances in their life, saved people, when the Bible tells them clearly what they are doing is not what they should be doing. **Rationalization sets in, the devices that are in our hearts to go against the counsel of the Lord.** That is the biggest problem God's people have. It is the biggest problem the world has, but the world is dying and going to hell. I mean, I do not know what to tell you. You are not.

#### ➤ Rationalizing Everything in Also a Device

I have found now, living as long as I have, that the generation of young men, young ladies, but mostly young men, coming up and getting into the Bible, I find time and time again where they want to believe something in the Bible so desperately. They have convinced themselves that they have found some new whatever. They rationalize their position, even twist the Bible verses to prove what they want to say, but they have no clue of the reality. It is simply because of the fact that it is another device. **It's a device of us rationalizing everything in our lives instead of letting the Bible hold our feet to the fire with the reality of life.** It is incredible. We have been now almost 130 years in this country without a Bible. You have now seen four or five generations of kids coming up. I am going to show them to you in just a little bit, but four or five generations of kids being born and growing up now that have put this country in the mess that it is in. It all goes back to the reality of being forsaken and a rationalization that comes in.

We see across this country, kids who will kill somebody else or go into a school and shoot up the school, or kids who will go and do this and do that. Everybody, everybody rationalizes it, rationalizes it and looks at it and wants to blame it on society, blame it on the kids. You know what reality is? **Where are the parents?**

*Psalms 127:4. As arrows [are] in the hand of a mighty man; so [are] children of the youth.*

If they went into a school and killed 20 people, God forbid, you know what started them there? The parent. You never hear about that. You know why? This whole world is one big

rationalization of everything in life. You know why this church will never go to 10,000? Praise the Lord. You know why it will never go to a thousand? Praise the Lord. It's because we deal with reality here. **You cannot build a big church today preaching reality.** You can go to churches that are 2,000, 3,000, 4,000, and you get the illusion of Christianity, but you do not get the Bible. That is the way it is today. I am telling you, it is a mess.

## V. God's Chosen Nation: Israel

But in the context here, He is talking about nations. We need to understand that. There is a great inspirational application to all of us, but he is speaking to nations. Verse 12:

*Psalms 33:12. **Blessed [is] the nation** whose God [is] the LORD; **and the people [whom] he hath chosen** for his own inheritance.*

Now, doctrinally, this people here will be the nation of Israel. Those are the people that He has chosen. When it comes to the nations on earth today, and all down through history, all history will be built around one nation. That nation is the nation of Israel, the Jew. In Proverbs 22:28, a familiar verse that we use many, many times, you are told to:

*Proverbs 22:28. Remove not **the ancient landmark**, which thy fathers have set.*

That ancient landmark is Israel, set up in the Old Testament. That ancient landmark is what all history is built around as you come through history. It won't be America, it won't be England, it won't be Russia, it won't be this, it won't be that. It will be the nation of Israel. That was the ancient landmark that God set by the fathers that all history will revolve around.

### **All history will be built around six areas of the nation of Israel:**

1. **The formulation of the nation of Israel.** We saw that in Genesis.
2. **The calling out.** We will get into that in Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy.
3. **The establishment of God's people.** That will be Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel.
4. **The downfall.** That will be found in 2 Chronicles chapter 36.
5. **The captivity.** That will be 2 Chronicles chapter 36 up to 2026 today.

Everything in man's history will be fixed around the ancient landmark that God set by the fathers, one nation. That is the reality. As far as all the other nations are concerned, come on. I mean, you have nations' perspective of themselves, and then you have God's perspective of all the other nations. All the other nations want to take a stand against Israel. America and England, you know, are still kind of there. But when it comes down to Gentile nations, America included. Isaiah 40:15 says that when God looks at America and all the other Gentile nations, *the nations are as a drop of a bucket.* That is how He looks at it. They do not figure in any way, shape, or form.

America may figure in bringing in the Antichrist, but do not kid yourself, America is not figuring in and bringing in the second coming of Christ. There is only one nation that is going to figure in that, the nation of Israel. That is reality, the reality of life on planet earth.

## VI. The Devil's Devices Against Israel

Now, the devices of these nations have but one purpose, as I already said, to destroy God's people, God's nation, God's plan, and His government. The reason for that is very simple. In 2 Corinthians 4:4, the Bible tells us that right now the devil is the god of this world. He started to be the god of this world in 606 BC when the times of the Gentiles came in, and the times of the Gentiles are running up to 2026 and will run right up into the second coming of Christ. Israel will get the land that he once was over, the devil himself, Genesis chapter 1. He wants it back. This whole nation of Israel thing and this problem with the Jew down through history and certainly today is about one thing: the god of this world who once had Jerusalem and the land grant that was given to Abraham back in Genesis 1:1, he lost it in verse 2, and the rest of your Bible and the rest of history as God gives you the landmark is him trying to stop it to get it back. He wants that land for himself. He hates the nation of Israel because Christ came from the nation of Israel.

We will get into this this Thursday night, Matthew chapter 2, where we see about the time of the birth of Christ, Herod, and his nation Rome. He tries to destroy Christ. He tried to find Him. He could not find Him. So, he plays the ace card. He figures that Christ is about two and a half years old, so he just kills every baby two and a half years old and under. See? Also, then we will see in Revelation chapter 12, verses 1 through 17, that he hates the nation of Israel. You see, two devices. The first one is his nation, Rome. The second one is a religion, the Roman Catholic Church. This is why you see the Jews down through history, and the devil trying to wipe them out. For 2500 years, they had no land, no place to go. They wandered through this world. Every place they tried to settle, they were persecuted and kicked out many times. Look at 1933 to 1945, the Holocaust in Germany until 1948.

### ➤ Israel Becomes a Nation in 1948

All the landmark, that ancient landmark about the nation of Israel, all history being brought around that, the focal point after all those hundreds of years, comes to 1948. In 1948, she becomes a nation. I always like to look at history about the Jew like a four-speed GTO. First gear is when they get off in Egypt, second gear is when they get into the deal, third gear is when they get into the church age, and fourth gear is the home run, and they stepped on the gas in 1948 on the way to the second coming and the millennium of the Lord Jesus Christ. I mean, it is so clear. In all of man's history, that is the reality, not your rationalization.

Now, this is why you see the Jew down through history, and the devil trying to wipe him out. Today, all you are seeing in America, all you are seeing around the world, all you are seeing with the UN, all you are seeing worldwide with the Roman Catholic Church and all the other religions today will be the heathen and their devices to stop God's nation, His people, His inheritance. When God comes back, He puts an end to it all. He makes the devices of the heathen of none effect. That is where the reality of life on planet earth is. Most of God's people, certainly the world, live in a dream world. They live their lives like they are going to live forever. They do all the stuff they do like God does not matter. There is no reality. There was no reality.

## VII. The Devil's Strategy: "No Hurry"

There is a story I heard years and years and years ago that a preacher used. I have used it before. I think it is pretty effective. He says, there was a day way back in the past when the devil and all his hordes of angels sat down about how to destroy man. It was like a big council like here today. He said, "All right, guys, my goal is to destroy the nation of Israel and damn everybody's soul to hell. Let us put a plan together." One demon in the back raised his hand. He says, "I have an idea. Let's tell everybody that there is no hell." He thought about that for a minute and he said, "Well, to tell you the truth, I already have that in the works with the Jehovah's Witnesses. But that isn't going to work because in the Bible, Jesus, I don't know, 14, 15 times in the New Testament, talked about hell. It's all through the Bible. I don't think that is going to work."

They thought for a little bit, and somebody raised their hand and said, "I have an idea, master. Let us tell everybody that there is no heaven." He said, "Well, I have some people working on that. The Unitarian crowd and those people, but you know what? The Bible talks about heaven too much. When you get into Revelation 21, I mean, it talks about a new heaven, a new earth, and new Jerusalem. That isn't going to work." They thought for a little while. One of them raised his hand and he says, "Let's tell everybody that Christ never came out of that tomb." He says, "Well, you know what? There are people that believe that. In fact, I kind of put that in effect about 20 minutes after He came out. But there are too many things that just go against that; they are not going to believe that. I mean, I don't know if you guys know this yet or not, but all of life on planet earth is going to be built around time: BC, before Christ, AD, in the year of our Lord. That is not going to work."

They thought about how they could damn the world by using God's people against Him. One of them raised their hand and said, "I have it." He says, "What is that?" He says, "We will not tell them that there is no God. We will not tell them that there is no heaven. We will not tell them that there is no hell. You know what we will get them to believe? There is no hurry." God's people today live their lives like there is no hurry. Somebody asked me one time, "Why do you preach the way you do? Why do you say the things you do?" Because I have an urgency in my ministry and a calling to get the Word out in the time that we have left. Not everybody likes that. Some people like their rationalization. Me? I am not saying I have not rationalized things in my life, but I am going to tell you right now, I know what I do. It is reality. It is reality.

## VIII. Blessings and Curses on Nations Based on Two Things

This is a tremendous spiritual application to all this in verse 12, and we need to see it today:

*Psalms 33:12. Blessed [is] the nation whose God [is] the LORD; [and] the people [whom] he hath chosen for his own inheritance.*

Now the blessings of God on a nation will be based on just two things. Just two.

1. **Their acceptance of the Word of God**, King James 1611, Authorized Version.
2. **The nation of Israel** and how that they take care of the Jew, see the Jew and help the Jew as God's people.

➤ A Nation's Acceptance of the Word of God (KJV 1611 Authorized Version\_

*2 Chronicles 7:14. If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

That is a great verse for any country, but that is the first thing a nation needs to do. You know what is wrong with America? It is not racism. It is not the transgenders. It is not any of that stuff. You know what the biggest problem in America is? We have turned our backs on God, and the only way you are going to fix it is to get back to God.

➤ A Nation's Acceptance of the Nation of Israel

Then I will tell you the second thing which will be the nation of Israel. All the way back in Genesis chapter 12:3, book of the beginnings, He said:

*Genesis 12:3. And I will **bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee:** and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

That is where we are at. It is just where we are at. In modern-day history, the church age, all down through church history from the book of Acts as it comes up through history, only two nations fit into this category.

➤ England's Rise and Fall

The first one was England. Understanding the development and the history of England is an incredible study. The kings and the queens...I mean, you look at it from the political side, Henry VIII, Henry V, Henry IV, Henry this, Henry that, Queen this, Queen that, but that is not what it is about. It is about the battleground that England was. The devil wanted it through the Roman Catholic Church, Bloody Mary. God wanted it to give the world the greatest book the world has ever seen with James I of Scotland—your King James. That is all it is about. You see, everything else is a rationalization. What I just gave you is reality. **There is a rationalization of history, and there is a reality of history. The key is to get the reality, not the rationalization.**

**The history of England is how God used it in three ways,** simply:

1. The development of the English language. It started around, oh, I do not know, 900. Gibberish, could not figure it out. Mixture of different languages. By the time you get to 1600, it is in its perfect form. Many times, it is called the Elizabethan English, simply because of the fact that it was under her that it really reached its golden age.
2. God giving the world the King James Bible through England, James I. The Bible says, *where the word of a king is, there is power* (Ecclesiastes 8:4). Most people do not know that when you see the Old Testament nation of Israel, Jacob was the man who brought forth the 12 tribes that brought forth the nation of Israel. You know what James in Hebrew is? Jacob. So, you have a Jacob on both sides, the Old Testament and New Testament. One gave the world the people of God, the other one gave the world the Word of God. You cannot beat the Bible, man.

3. The Jew back in the land. It was the end of World War I when, as I have told you many, many times, all the European empires came to an end. One of those was the Ottoman Turks, the Ottoman Empire. Ottoman Turks came into being around 1100. They took over the Byzantine Empire and then forged the great Muslim Empire that got defeated in World War I. They had Jerusalem at the end of World War I. Lord Alibi and his army went in and kicked them out, and now England has Jerusalem. England put forth the Balfour Declaration that was going to give the land back to the Jews based on a King James 1611 Authorized Version. That is reality.

England had the blessings of God on her for 400 years. Many times, people do not see this. Even in Parliament today in the courts, certainly down through the continental times of the Revolutionary War and before that, you would go into British Parliament, or you would go into a court. All the judges, all the lawyers, everybody would have a white wig on. People look at that and do not even understand why; do not even think about it. England was so in tune with the Word of God at that point, that they realized in Revelation 1:14-15, that when Jesus Christ came back, His head was as white as wool. That was symbolic in England that the judges, the lawyers, everybody there would follow the righteous rule of Christ out of a King James 1611 Authorized Version. From 1600 to 1900, they were the most powerful nation on the planet. That little island over there, God honored them because they honored God's Word. From 1600 to 1900, that little island reached the world with a Bible. The great preachers, the great missionary movements came out of England during this time. The phrase is coined that the sun never set on the British soil. You know why? God's blessing and hand in their life; they had colonies everywhere over this world because England still held true to God.

But all that changed. After World War I, she reneged on the Balfour Declaration. She will not give the Jew back the land. She does that because the Grand Mufti of Arabia came in and told them, because England is an island nation she is dependent on oil out of the Middle East, that if they give that land back to the Jew, they would never get another drop of oil. They wrote a series of papers called the White Papers. Then they took a vote, and they decided against giving that land back to the Jew. She dumped the book around 1880. She dumped God's people around 1917. Today England is a total mess. England is run by the Muslims today. There are places in England where you go that are totally Muslim, totally under their law. No British police can go in. No mandate from the government is held there. They run England. England today is in apostasy.

### ➤ America's Founding and Decline

The second nation is America. In 1601, the pilgrims came over to Plymouth and established a colony. Do you have any idea why the pilgrims came in 1601? I know you see all the pictures with the big blunderbusses and big hats with the buckles on them, and all the things like that. They are all sitting around celebrating Thanksgiving and all that stuff. The truth is that they almost got wiped out. They survived only because of the grace of God. Then they forged in time the 13 colonies, which became our states today, which became our government in time. But do you know why they came? They came because the persecution in Europe by the Roman Catholic Church was so terrible, because they wanted to believe the right Bible, the one you have,

hopefully, and because they wanted to teach the Bible the way we teach it. Without fear of in the middle of the night somebody breaking down the door and putting them in prison and torturing them, or even worse, so they fled to America. They wanted a country where nobody could persecute them for what they believed and the Bible they held dear to their hearts. That is why they came here. That is reality. Everything else is Thanksgiving. Most do not even know what Thanksgiving is anymore. If you do, you think back there on the first Thanksgiving that they had what you have, turkey and gravy and giblets and corn. They had nothing.

Years ago, my kids will testify to this, I remember at Thanksgiving when we sat down to eat, and I put two little pieces of dried corn on your plates, remember? I told you that this is what the pilgrims had. We need to, if we are going to celebrate the pilgrims, this is going to be our Thanksgiving dinner. Everybody gets two or three pieces of dried corn. Yeah, that is exactly what they said, "Dad, come on." They did not eat it. Because reality is, it is not like what we think it was. They paid a price for you to have what you have today. They forged through the cold winter starving, disease, wild animals, wild Indians, all because they wanted a place where they could have the reality of the Word of God and not the illusion of the Roman Catholic Church. That is reality. That is reality.

#### ➤ Our Country was founded on a King James 1611 Authorized Version

Our country was founded on a King James 1611, Authorized Version. Our country was built upon the Bible and God. Thomas Jefferson was the author of the Declaration of Independence. When he did the first draft and he sent it back to the founding fathers, they simply said, "We cannot accept this because there are not enough references to what God has done to establish our nation." So, they sent it back. In the document today, there are four references to God. You are going to find that during this time, God had set it up. In the infancy of this country, as it was beginning to find itself, God sent them two of the greatest preachers the world has ever seen: Jonathan Edwards and George Whitfield. George Whitfield was a powerful preacher. They had open meetings at night out there. They did not have any sound systems. They had to rely on the power of the man's voice and the power of Almighty God. Ben Franklin, who was an unsaved man by the way, loved to hear Whitfield preach, even though he never trusted Christ. He said one time, "It was a clear night, and I backed off a quarter of a mile from where everybody was and I could hear every word of his sermon." That is the power of God. That is reality. Ben Franklin, as far as anybody knows, died and went to hell. George Washington, our first president, called the father of our country, was a deist. He did not believe that Jesus Christ was God. Now I do not know if he ever changed his way, but if he did not, he is in hell this morning. **Back then, an unsaved man had more respect for God and the Word of God than most of God's people do today.** That is a tragedy.

George Washington was an unsaved deist. When he left his presidency, he wrote a book called *Washington's Farewell Address*. Every Christian ought to read that. It was standard reading in public schools in 1950. In that book, his Farewell Address, he tells and warns this country what will happen if they lose God and lose the Word of God. Noah Webster was a saved man. We sell his dictionary in our bookstore, *The American Dictionary of the English Language* 1828 edition, where he, as a saved man, wrote all the curriculum for the public schools, everything. When he

put his dictionary together, he defines the words out of a King James 1611 Authorized Version. That was America from 1700 to 1900. "Blessed is a nation where God is their Lord."

Then America too, like England, 1888, Southern Baptist Convention, Sarasota, Florida dumps the King James Bible, Southern Baptist being the biggest Baptist contingency in the country and accepts the RSV. Now, just 127 years later, America is a nation in total apostasy. She has had no Bible for five or six generations. This is why people are the way they are. America in its simplest, understandable form is an insane asylum run by the inmates. Total breakdown. It was prophesied in Hosea chapter 4, verse 1:

*Hosea 4:1. Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because [there is] **no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.***

A nation that God had a controversy with because there was no knowledge of God, no mercy, no morality, no truth, and no law. Now we live in a world where good is called evil and evil is called good. All because of no Bible.

## IX. The Generation Without God's Word

Do you want to see it? Do you want to see your generation? Hey, if you are 30 years or younger, you ought to thank God that you are here today, saved today, and on your way to heaven and have the right Bible because I am going to show you your generation. Job chapter 21. Pick it up in verse 7. He asked the question:

### **Job 21:7-14:**

**7. Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power?**

**8. Their seed [is] established in their sight with them** (not God's sight; their sight), **and their offspring before their eyes** (not God's eyes; their eyes).

**9. Their houses [are] safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them.** This is a generation that has completely walked away from God and now are having children, generation after generation with no knowledge of God.

**10. Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.** In other words, life goes on.

**11. They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.** There it is. There is 20th, 21st century America. There it is after World War II. Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, the jitterbug. There it is. Nothing in the home, nothing in the family. Their parents raise their kids after their own stupid insight and then send forth their kids, and their children dance. Woodstock. The concerts that you have, Taylor Swift, Garth Brooks, I mean, everybody is out there. Saturday night at the nightclub, the disco, the great flash of life, the parties, everybody doing the swing thing. The parents send forth their kids. You see, it was not the kids' idea. It was the parents that trained them and then sent them forth. I'm not done yet.

**12. They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.** There it is. There is Three Dog Night. There is Kiss. There are those people up there all painted up like demons, playing that godawful music. Everybody down there, girls tearing their clothes off. I mean, it is a terrible thing. But that is the world we live in. You see, that is a rationalization of the reality of God, His Word, in the world we live in.

**13. They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.** You bet they do. All you hear in Forbes magazine or Newsweek or on the news, are the 10 richest billionaires in America. You have guys like Donald Trump. You have guys like Elon Musk. You have guys like George Soros. All you hear is how rich they are, and how great they are, and how great it is to be rich. That is this generation. They spend their days in wealth. You bet they do. And in a moment, go down to the grave.

I probably should not tell you this. This verse goes through my mind every time somebody that, sorry, but let's face it...you can pretty well be sure when certain people die, they are not going to heaven. Their whole life has been against everything with God. Some of them are politicians. Some of them are movie stars. Some of them are very rich people. I do not say what I am about to say with any joy in my heart because I, like God, want all men to be saved. When I hear that person died, I think of the verse in Luke chapter 16:

*Luke 16:23. And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.*

That verse comes to mind because that is the reality. You see the rationalization and the illusion of live, eat, drink, be merry for tomorrow we die. You can have all that stuff and live your life. The pharaohs, before they died, built great tombs. You know what they put in those tombs? Besides their bodies, a boat, horses, servants, gold, food. You know why? For the afterlife. You know what I say to that? "In hell, they lifted up their eyes, being in torment." The ancient warriors, the Vikings, Trojans, Greeks...when a mighty man of valor died in battle, they built a big structure of wood. They are going to burn him on fire, but before they do, they take two gold coins and put them on his eyes. Do you know why they do that? Because they believe that when you died, you had to cross the great sea to the other side, and there was a boatman who took you across. Those two gold coins were to pay the boatman. He got you to the other side of Valhalla, whatever your fantasy is of where you were going. You know what I say? "In hell, they lifted up their eyes, being in torment." It is the difference between man's counsel and God's counsel and the devices that man will come up with. It is just that simple.

**14. Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.**

"What is the Almighty that we should serve him and what profit should we have if we pray unto him?" There it is, 20th, 21st century America, 127 years without a Book. That is the rationalization of man versus the reality of God's Word. The governments of this world today will follow the man-made devices of a nation's rule of government, right up till Revelation 19:15, when a sharp, two-edged sword comes out of His mouth.

## X. Ecclesiastes and the Vanity of Man's Philosophies

I always found it interesting that in the book of Ecclesiastes, written by Solomon who without a doubt is the wisest man that ever lived, critiques, and keep in mind that the book of Ecclesiastes is the book written under the sun. So, it means that everything that takes place on earth under the sun, he is writing about. He will go through 34 or so different philosophies, devices that man will use to get around God. He will start with the philosophies: hedonism, pragmatism, theism, rationalism, epicureanism, deism, humanism, existentialism. That is just a few. What happens once those devices by man, the devil, are formed up, some of them match and connect to each other. In time, he shows you in the book of Ecclesiastes how they form governments. Governments are formed by the devices of the philosophy of man against God. So now in the book of Ecclesiastes, he will define for you socialism, communism, fascism, yes, capitalism, pragmatism, all defined in the book of Ecclesiastes.

You know what? At the end of the book, after he goes through 34 of them, lays them out, shows you that they are all vanity. You know what he says in Ecclesiastes 12:13 at the end of the book? The wisest man that ever lived gave the best advice to planet earth that anybody ever gave you. He lays it out, shows you the fallacy of it, and then brings you back to the reality.

*Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole [duty] of man. Why?*

*14. For God shall bring every work (your device) into judgment, with every secret thing, whether [it be] good, or whether [it be] evil.*

That is reality. That is reality.

## XI. God is Watching What His Creation Is Doing

Look at verse 13 coming back to Psalms now.

*Psalms 33:13-15. The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.*

*14. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.*

*15. He fashioneth their hearts alike; **he considereth all their works.***

And note verse 15, "He considered their works." **God is watching what His creation is doing with His Word and with His people, the nation of Israel.** I don't know if you can tie it together after just coming through Genesis, but **there are two places in the Bible where God actually looks down and comes down to see what man is doing.**

1. The first one is in Genesis 6:5 with Noah. When He looked down and saw the wickedness of man was great in the earth and every imagination of the thoughts of their heart was only evil continually..
2. The second one is in Genesis 11:5, the Tower of Babel. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

Both of those are a picture of man and his devices today, both cases that go against God. You know what? In both cases, God destroyed the plan, Genesis chapter 11, and God destroyed the people, Genesis chapter 6. Don't you ever think for a New York minute that God is not watching today with great interest. He is giving us His counsel. The world will give us their counsel. The world will tell you, the rationalization of life, like over there in Job, "Who is God, we do not care about Him." Here is what they will tell you: "If the room is dark and the smoke is thick and the music is loud; God cannot see what goes on."

Then he says in verse 15, "All men are alike." They are prone to make up devices to get around God. Why? Because all men are alike. *There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.* All of their righteousness is filthy rags in the sight of God. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.* Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, said in Ecclesiastes 12:14, *For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.* God is watching. That is the reality. The illusion or rationalization is, "There is no God. He is not watching. He does not care. He is some big grandfather up in the sky, sits on a throne with a long white beard, gets up every thousand years and comes and looks over at the earth and says, 'Hmm,' and then goes back and sits down."

## XII. God's Protection, Not Man's Strength

Now look at verse 16 through 18, back to Psalms. Wow, what a powerful principle this is for a nation.

*Psalms 33:16-18. There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man [is] not delivered by much strength.*

*17. An horse [is] a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver [any] by his great strength.*

*18. Behold, the eye of the LORD [is] upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;*

This is a powerful principle. It says, the reality for any nation is that no king, no army, no air force, no nuclear missiles will be able to save any nation. Only God, the power of God through the blessings of God on any nation through His Word and the Lord being their God. Look at verse 17. I love this illustration. The horse. You see the horse, and I love the context of this because the horse was used in battles back here and all the way up to World War I; and we used them in World War II. But primarily during this time, the horse or the cavalry is what went into battle. The horse is a powerful animal. It has great endurance and great strength. But an army, a cavalry on horseback, does not mean you are going to win the battle.

There are two great examples of this. I love what he says. "Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy."

### ➤ God Helps England Defeat the Spanish Armada

The first one is England, as she was coming to be God's nation. I told you that the little island of England goes back and forth. The devil gets it; God gets it. The devil wanted to stop England from ever putting out the Bible. She finally breaks with the Roman Catholic Church, Henry VIII,

even if it was for the wrong reason. By the time Elizabeth comes on the throne, she is purely loving the Lord and trusting the Lord. It is 1588. Spain has got the greatest, most powerful navy in the world. England has no navy to defend against what we call the Spanish Armada. Spain, the devil, his people, his nation, wanted to take England back to stop you from getting that Bible and the world from getting it and being saved through the Philadelphian Church Age. So, what happens? In 1588, Philip of Spain boasts that he has got the greatest navy in the world, which he does. England has no navy, which they don't. So, they are going to sail in, attack England, and bring England back under the Roman Catholic Church. So in 1588, the Spanish Armada sets off for England. England had no navy to defeat them. England could not stop them. That night, all England was on their knees praying to the God and the Bible that they loved. On that morning in 1588, the Spanish Armada came into the English Channel. God brought up the worst typhoon you have ever seen in your life and sunk every ship in the Spanish Armada. The Navy did not help them. God did. That is simple. It is reality. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

### ➤ God Helps America in War

The second one is America. When America still held the Bible to a certain degree, we saw that America never lost a war. We won World War I. We won World War II. Victory. The Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941—their plan was to take over the world. They knew America's fleet was in Pearl Harbor. If they could destroy that fleet, they could have free reign and actually had plans to land a landing force and invasion on the West Coast, which we thought they would. Well, you know what happened. They caught us by surprise, killed everybody, bombed everything, and it was a great day for Japan. General Yamamoto, who actually planned the invasion of Pearl Harbor, when everybody was jubilant and just going crazy thinking America is defeated and America is done now, he is sitting very solemn. His aides came around to him and they said, "General, why are not you celebrating? We have just defeated the American Navy at Pearl Harbor." He looked up and spoke his famous words. He said, "I fear all we have done is awaken a great sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve." No truer words were ever spoken. They took America by surprise, but they underestimated that at that point, God was still in America. What the Japanese started in Pearl Harbor in 1941, America ended in 1945 at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We won both those wars.

### ➤ Our Nation Doesn't Belong to God Anymore

Time went on. Bible went out. Preachers went out. So, then we came to Korea. Korea is a stalemate. There is no victory in Korea. You know, we are technically still at war with Korea. There never was an armistice. There was just a ceasefire. How many years has it been now? Nothing. We did not win anything over there. **America is starting to decline.** Next war was Vietnam. Total disaster. We could have won the war in Vietnam in six to eight months, but the politicians got involved. It all came down to, "Okay, we are going to take out this bridge, but you can only bomb this end of the bridge. You cannot bomb the other end." You will never win a war that way. We lost Vietnam. 25,000 plus of our finest young men who gave their lives for what? Saigon falls. It all goes to pieces. Ho Chi Minh City, back and going. They are as communist as they ever were. We lost everything.

Now, farther from the Bible. Now it really gets into it: Reality. Now we are in a war in the Middle East. I remember when we had those early ones in the 90s, Operation Whatever Storm and all those things, and some of our brave young men fought in that battle. I have all the respect in the world for you. But at the end of the day, you know, I remember George Bush had said, "It is over. We won the war." You did not win anything. You see, you cannot win a war when your enemy isn't an army or an Air Force. You can never win a battle when up against a religion. That is the problem. All those nations over there hate each other. I mean, the Iraqis do not get along with the Arabians, back and forth, but they will all come together for one thing: wipe out America and the nation of Israel, and America is falling right into it. Are you watching what is going on over there? Somebody says, "We are winning. We are just bombing the snot out of them. We are blowing everything up." Hey, you don't get it. This nation doesn't belong to God anymore.

I remember when General Curtis LeMay formed SAC, Strategic Air Command, when the Cold War started. His motto was "Peace is our profession." The idea behind that is if we have more bombers, more nuclear bombs and more of this, that is where our safety is. Because if we have 1000 nuclear bombs, 10,000 jets to deliver it, a great mighty Air Force in the air 24/7, they could go wherever they needed to if war broke out. We actually thought that was where our protection was. It is not. **The protection for any nation won't be in the army you have, the Navy you have, or with ballistic missiles. It will be what you do with the Word of God and God's people.** It is just that simple reality. Reality. I am not kidding you.

➤ The Real Security for Any Nation Is Honoring God and His Word

*Psalms 33:18-19. Behold, **the eye of the LORD [is] upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;***

***19. To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.***

That is God's watch care for any nation. You know what got David in trouble one time? David got in trouble when he numbered the people and God came down and whacked Israel, whacked him and everything. Somebody looked at that and said, "Well, why is that?" Because by numbering the people, he was trusting in the military might of the nation instead of God. There are some lessons to be learned there. But the only thing men ever learn from history is that they never learn anything from history. It is just that simple. The real security or defense for any country should be honoring God and His Word. God sees it, blesses the nations because they have hope in His mercy. Not one nation on this planet you have today falls into that category, nowhere. Every nation on this planet on earth today has rejected God, His Word, and is headed to Armageddon with the Antichrist. It is the counsel of man versus the counsel of God. The counsel of man will always get you to rationalize everything you see around you. The counsel of God will bring you to reality.

### XIII. Summary

Then verse 20 through 22:

*Psalms 33:20-22. Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he [is] our help and our shield.*

*21. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.*

*22. Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.*

Now let us kind of get this all together here as we close out. The nation here historically and doctrinally will be the nation of Israel, God's chosen people, God's inheritance, verse 12. You see God's watch care and His hand in taking care of them all down through history because they are the landmark. Based on God's promises to them, it started in Genesis 15 with Abraham, then they were called out on Exodus 12, then in God's time, God gave them all the good things and watched over them through the good times and the bad times under David and under Saul right up to today. They are still in total apostasy, but they had a choice.

#### ➤ Life is Simply About Two Choices

*Deuteronomy 30:15. See, I have set before thee this day **life and good, and death and evil;***

God's hand will keep them, but they have a choice. We have a choice. He said over there in Deuteronomy chapter 30, verse 14 to Israel:

*Deuteronomy 30:14. But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.*

That is good for Israel and that is what He has done for us. Then He says this, "See, I have set before thee this day life and good and death and evil." Life is simply about two choices, two pathways in life. **One is the reality of life, the other one is the illusion and the rationalization of life.** You can go the pathway of sinful man. That is man's counsel and his devices. Or you can find the old paths of Jeremiah chapter 6, verse 16:

*Jeremiah 6:16. Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for **the old paths, where [is] the good way,** and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk [therein].*

**Life will always be about the choices we make.** God gave us the Word of God, gave it right to us. He said back there in Deuteronomy chapter 11, verse 26 to Israel:

*Deuteronomy 11:26. Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;*

He says, "You get to choose which way to go. You can go with a blessing, or you can go with a curse." We have the same offer. It is just that simple.