

## **Psalm 33 - Without Excuse**

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**Psalm 33:8-9** ESV

8 **Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**

9 For **he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.**

### ***What Can Be Known About God Is Plain To Them - His Invisible Attributes Clearly Perceived***

*Colossians 1:15-17* ESV

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

16 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.

17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

*Job 12:7-10* ESV

7 But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you;

8 or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

9 Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this?

10 In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind.

*Romans 1:18-21* ESV

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

### ***Jesus Stands Knocking At The Door Of Every Heart***

*John 1:9-12* NASB

9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, [even] to those who believe in His name,

*John 16:7-11* ESV

7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;  
10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;  
11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Revelation 3:20 ESV

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Romans 1:20 ESV

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### **Futile In Their Thinking - Their Foolish Hearts Darkened - God Gave Them Over**

Ephesians 4:17-19 ESV

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.

18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness (pōrōsis - covering with a callus, dulled perception, blindness, stubbornness) of heart.

19 They have become callous (apalgeō - be past feeling, to cease to feel pain or grief) and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

1 Timothy 4:1-2 ESV

1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,

2 through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared (kaustēriazō - cauterized, render insensitive).

“As a young married man, Bunyan came under conviction of sin, particularly in how lightly he had treated the Sabbath. Yet this conviction did not result in true reformation; rather, it hardened his heart to grace. He said, ‘I was persuaded I could never attain to other comfort than what I should get in sin.’”

—A Puritan Theology, John Bunyan’s Preaching to the Heart, p.715

Romans 1:21-32 ESV

21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature;

27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,

30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.