

## No Shadow Or Variableness Of Turning

### *Psa 33:13-22*

Last week we discussed how God enables us to abide in Him, and stand in awe of the wonderful works that He does unto the children of men. Once we are given to understand where the workmanship of His hand is taking place and the certainty of what He declares, we stand in awe and grow in our praise and worship of God as He increases and we decrease.

The word that God speaks is the word that will not return void unto Him ([Isa 55:11](#)) and so we see such verses as ([Psa 139:16](#) , [Eph 1:11](#) , [Heb 12:2](#)) to name just a few which demonstrate that God's work and word are connected and what He says He is going to do, He is going to do it with no shadow or variableness of turning ([Jas 1:17](#)).

Keeping all this in mind we will look more deeply at how God fashions our hearts by a process that leads us to lose confidence in our own flesh and come to rest in the Lord and the promises which are exceedingly great and precious ([2Pe 1:4](#)). We cast not away our confidence in Christ which has great recompense of reward ([Heb 10:35](#) , [Col 1:27](#)). He who has begun this good work in you and I will finish it ([Php 1:6](#)).

Let's continue to consider one another to provoke each other unto love and good works ([Heb 11:24-26](#) , [Act 14:22](#)), and remain confident of what God has promised He will do through each of us ([Col 1:24](#) , [Php 4:13](#)).

*Here are the verses we will be looking at tonight:*

**[Psa 33:13](#) The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.**

**[Psa 33:14](#) From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.**

**[Psa 33:15](#) He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.**

**[Psa 33:16](#) There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.**

**[Psa 33:17](#) An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.**

**[Psa 33:18](#) Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;**

**[Psa 33:19](#) To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.**

**[Psa 33:20](#) Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.**

**[Psa 33:21](#) For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.**

**[Psa 33:22](#) Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.**

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The judgment of our hearts begins ([1Pe 4:17](#)), and God has the eagle view as he looks from heaven ([Psa 11:4](#)) and beholds "all the sons of men".

All that is in Adam is in each of us ([1Jn 2:16](#)) and therefore we must all be redeemed from all that is in the world through a process of judgment ([Jer 17:10](#) , [Rev 5:9](#)).

"The place of his habitation" where he looks upon all the inhabitants of the earth is from heaven. God

knows the heart of man that needs to be judged ([Jer 17:9](#)) as He looks at us from heaven and understands our earthly perspective which Christ shared in ([Heb 4:14-16](#) , [Joh 5:30](#) , [Heb 2:16](#) , [Php 2:7](#) , [Mat 20:25-28](#) , [1Jn 4:17](#) , [Luk 17:33](#) , [Pro 16:25](#) , [Num 23:19](#)).

We come to really know someone by understanding what is in their hearts ([Joh 17:3](#)). When we judge righteous judgment we are judging all things, the heaven and the earth, the light and darkness, and when we are being properly judged by someone who is judging righteous judgment we are not being judged by a man, as it says in [1Co 2:15](#) , but rather by a man who is judging all matters as Christ did by not relying on his earthly judgment, but by the heavenly judgment of our Father ([1Co 2:15](#) , [Heb 5:14](#) , [Joh 5:30](#) , [Joh 8:15](#)).

God looks at the heart of man, from his heaven with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning ([Jas 1:17](#)), as opposed to what man does and that is to look at man's heart from the earth where our judgment is inconsistent and influenced by the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life ([1Sa 16:7](#) , [Heb 12:9](#)). When we look at the hearts of Christ from earth in each other ([Act 9:5](#)) and not with the mind of Christ, we are doing what Philip did at this point in his walk with our Lord ([Joh 14:9-10](#)), and as such we still know Christ after the flesh and do not yet see the Father who He came to reveal ([Mat 11:25-27](#)).

[Psa 33:15](#) He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

God is the one who is fashioning the marred vessel which he made this way so that we come to see that He considers that which He already knows, just like He knows what we need before we ask Him ([Mat 6:8](#)). The exercise is not for God to find out and consider what's in our corrupt hearts, but for us to come to see our need for a new heart which God brings us to cry out for ([Mat 9:27](#)).

There's no getting around it, it is a most humbling event for the flesh which God fashioned to be corrupt and caused to sin ([Jer 17:9](#) , [Rom 7:19](#) , [Gen 3:24](#)). All our sins and righteousness' are written in His book to bring us to deeply understand that God is sovereign over the clay which He has marred and will make anew in time ([Psa 139:16](#) , [Jer 18:4](#)).

God is not considering all the works of our hands as though we are an out of control creation that is running amuck, rather God is considering all the works of His workmanship which we are, from the vantage point of a sovereign all knowing, all powerful Creator ([Eph 1:11](#) , [Rom 8:28](#) , [Eph 2:10](#)).

[Psa 33:16](#) There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom in the fullness, and there is no king saved by the multitude of an host ([1Sa 17:24](#) , [Rev 13:4](#)). A brother or sister in Christ however is saved by the multitude of an host ([Isa 13:4](#) , [Isa 34:4](#) , [Joh 18:36](#) , [Luk 17:21](#)).

We need to fight a good fight of faith ([1Ti 6:12](#)) for each other so that Christ in us is not delivered to the Jews ([Rev 3:9](#)). I speak as a fool, and pray that you hear the foolishness of what I just said, because we know that God will deliver us and give us the desire to hear and heed the admonitions if we are truly His ([Mat 24:24](#) , [1Jn 2:19](#)).

[Psa 33:17](#) An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.

Our flesh is this horse and Christ is the rider of the four horsemen within our flesh ([Rev 19:11-12](#)). The armies of Israel, like all physical things which we lean on to deliver us emotionally, physically, spiritually are put there to show us what are natural condition is in the flesh. We can't accomplish God's work within us without Christ giving us dominion over the vain horse that we trust in, which is our flesh. No matter how strong we may appear outwardly or inwardly, intellectually or whatever we may consider strength, it is just a vain thing for safety in the eyes of the Lord.

Christ was sorrowful near unto death for us as He was connected to the disciples and all mankind on a very personal and deep emotional level. God did not protect Christ from being emotionally involved with His disciples and the world around him, but rather he was meant to identify with our fleshly struggles so that we could have a high priest who was in all points tempted. So it's true we are not delivered by any amount of great strength we have, but by Christ alone through whom we can endure all things, and by whom we are more than conquerors ([Heb 4:15](#), [Php 4:13](#), [Rom 8:37-39](#)).

God is bringing all of us to see that there is only one name under our heavens by which men can be saved and that is by Jesus Christ ([Act 4:12](#)), and as we follow Christ in each other we are being saved by each other, and this is all to the glory of God. Anything else is a vain thing for safety. No matter how strong that outward or inward something may be, there is only one name in each of our heavens by which all men must be saved, and that anointed name is Jesus Christ who we are ([Act 9:5](#))!

[Psa 33:18](#) Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

[Psa 33:19](#) To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

If we have reverence for the Lord his eyes will be upon us. This fear or reverence is the beginning of wisdom ([Pro 9:10-11](#), [Mar 10:30-31](#)).

We are saved by hope ([Rom 8:24](#)), so our hope has to be turned away from the strength that our flesh or others may give to us, and turned to that which is certain and steadfast ([Heb 6:19](#), [1Pe 5:9](#), [Heb 3:14](#), [2Co 1:7](#), [1Co 15:58](#)).

To have our souls delivered from death is a spiritual statement, which Christ explained in this verse ([Mar 8:36](#)). So we want our souls to be delivered from spiritual death by being kept alive by the word of God which quickens us ([Joh 6:63](#)), and by the judgment that His word brings upon our first man Adam ([Joh 9:39](#)) which judgment brings healing and a new creation which is increasing ([Psa 107:20](#)).

[Psa 33:20](#) Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our help and our shield.

Wait on the Lord and be of good courage and he shall strengthen your heart ([Psa 27:14](#)), or said another way "in your patience possess your souls" ([Luk 21:19](#)).

The patience and faith of the saints is needed in order to realize that God is our help and shield, and it is a tremendous gift given to very few, to possess the faith and patience of God ([Rev 14:12](#)) to the degree that we will be able to wait for the Lord, or to go through the much tribulation which is granted to those who are being prepared to inherit the kingdom of God as first fruits in this age ([Rom 12:2](#), [Jas 1:4](#), [Act 14:22](#)).

[Psa 33:21](#) For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

God mercifully brings us to trust in Him ([Pro 3:5](#)), and the end result is that we come to realize that He is faithful ([1Th 5:24](#)); He will fulfill that which He has promised ([Php 1:6](#)). We will drink the cup, because God will give us the power to do so if it is ours to receive in this age ([Mat 20:23](#)). When we understand this and believe it our hearts will rejoice in him.

[Psa 33:22](#) Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

We are saved by hope ([Rom 8:24](#)), and this prayer is one that the Israel of God is given to cry out for, because we understand deeply how frail and weak our physical condition is ([1Co 1:26](#)), that needs God's mercy extended to it, and God has given us this perception so that we will be merciful to those who will come after us ([Rom 11:31](#)).