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June 30, 2013 A.M. Worship

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Our Response:

1. Has there ever been that moment where you have prayed to the Father and asked Him to come into your heart and take control of your life? Would you give Him your heart & life today? Remember it is as simple as **ABC!** **A**dmit to God you are a sinner, **A**sk for His forgiveness, **B**elieve Jesus is God's Son, **C**onfess Him as Savior & **C**ommit Your Life to Him as Lord. (the Boss of your life)
2. Have you asked Christ into your heart but never made it public. Have you not been baptized? You can come & make that decision today public today. Be obedient!
3. Are you a part of a church family? If not, you need one! Is the Lord calling you to Petal FBC today? Why wait any longer? Step over the line and join us in reaching this community with the gospel of Jesus Christ! How is your life praising the Lord? What do you need to thank Him for? How can you praise Him more thoroughly and thoughtfully? Write them down and do them!
4. May we make 2 Chronicles 7:14 a part of our daily prayer life, that the Lord will start with us, that we would have a revival in our own hearts first! This is the only way that the Lord promises that He will change the course on which our nation is headed. To commit to daily pray for this nation and its leaders and the direction that we are taking. Our nation is in grave danger and the only thing that will change it is the prayer of followers of Christ
5. Are you living up to the call of being a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ? Once we pray, following Him and sharing the good news is what will change our nation. Would you share with someone this week about the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Someone is waiting to hear!
6. That we will be certain to vote and when we do vote, that we will only vote for candidates whose values line up with the Word of God, no matter what party they might be.
7. The great news, no matter what anyone else chooses, if we will choose the Lord, we have done the right thing and the Lord promises to take care of His own!

SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

“The Lord is My Standard”

Psalms 33

June 23, 2013 AM Service

As we continue our Series in the Psalms we come to **Psalm 33**. Looking at it from a personal standpoint, from our church’s standpoint, and then as a nation, God has a Word for us indeed. Every day we live, our world continues to spiral downward taking our morals down the toilet. And before I get too far down the path of blaming Washington and our leaders, we have to take a deep look inside and see what we are doing, how are we living and how we are allowing the Lord to change us into His image to be more like Him. We have talked about so far this summer that He is our Song, our Significance, our Sentinel, and last week our Sanctuary. Today, we look at the fact that because He is all those things and more as we will look over the Summer, He and He alone is our Standard. There is no other measurement of our lives, our ways, our nation, and our morals, He is THE Standard. So may we approach our Standard and see what our Response should be! This is where our nation as gone awry and astray is that there is a standard, only one – Jesus Christ – that is our measuring stick – just as there has to be a standard for measuring there must be one for life. This Psalm has no known author, but was a Psalm that was used in worship as many of these were – perhaps it was sung together. It was one where they reminded themselves of who God was and what He had done on their behalf and what they were to do in response. So today we will do the same.

The Lord and His Praise Vs 1-3

We are to Praise Him Thankfully How thankful we should be as His people, especially on this Independence Day as we live in this great country. But beyond that, praising Him for the price He paid for our freedom in Christ! And we remember, we are called to give thanks in all things, in the good and the bad! Easy to say, hard to do! How thankful are you in your praise? Just stop for a moment – just say in your heart a few things that you are thankful for today to the Lord... right now let’s just stop and do just that – maybe you can write one of them down. Sometimes our we don’t praise because we aren’t thankful enough.

We are to Praise Him Thoroughly Use everything we can to praise Him, our voices, instruments, with our best efforts to worship Him with all that we are! It must not be half-hearted but with our whole heart, with everything we are, our voices, our minds, our hearts, everything!

We are to Praise Him Thoughtfully Sing to Him a new song. 9 different times in Scripture, it tells us of our call of singing a new song to the Lord. Wonderful to sing the “old” songs, but what a delight to sing new songs that express our worship and thankfulness to the Lord.

The Lord and His Power Vs 4-9

The Moral Power of His Word Vs 4-5

This [Psalm 14](#) really gives us the picture of where our nation stands today. The moral compass for our nation is not found in Jackson, nor in Washington but found in the people of God standing on the Word of God which alone is the Standard and living their lives by it! That is truly the problem today is that we have comprised so far that though many may believe the Word of God they don't live their lives by it, so if it really comes down to say that we really don't believe it! Folks, God says it clearly in the Psalm, God is with the righteous generation, not the unrighteous. Oh may we once again as followers of Christ realize the Moral Power of His Word once again in our lives, for without it our county is doomed! Write it down! Oh that the church of God would rise up again in repentance, confession, change our ways, see revival come, and then an awakening could come once again to this once great land!

The Manifest Power of His Word Vs 6-7

We mentioned the amazing power of God on display in our bodies, we can look around this world and also see the evident power of God! He spoke all these things into being. It is where the argument always ends is, where did this world start – had to start somewhere, and it begin with Word of God speaking it into existence. What amazing power!

The Moving Power of His Word Vs 8

Should we not stand in awe, be moved to our very core and stand in awe of our Great our God is. He is God alone, and He alone His throne. So when we sing How Great Thou Art – our hearts are stirred and we remember and sing of the greatness of our God. He is lone is great – no one or no thing is great but our God! **ILLUS: You Are God Alone – Lyrics**

The Matchless Power of His Word [Vs 9](#)

No one can match His power – no One, not now, not ever!

The Lord and His Providence [Vs 10-19](#)

We are called to Praise our Father, recognize His power as well as His providence. God is still on His throne. Yet, we have a decision to make today as in individual, a church, and even how that affects our nation. What love that God today gives us a choice, it is yours and mine today! I am reminded today that God is still sovereign and still on His throne in spite of what is happening in the world around us!

The Nations and Their Decisions The Contrast

Those That Rebel at God's Word [Vs 10-11](#) [Psalm 2](#)

Those That Respond to God's Word [Vs 12](#) [2 Chronicles 7:14](#)

The Nations and Their Destinies [Vs 13-19](#)

God sees it all, nothing escapes Him, and our destiny is not decided by how great our armed forces may be, but to call upon the Lord, to fall on our faces before Him, to realize once again it is Christ and Christ Alone that will determine where our country goes, and that is set by the way the people of God respond and how we share with a lost and dying world the great news and fearful news, that we must repent and turn to Him alone! The Lord looks at: Their Communities [Vs 13-14](#), Their Characteristics [Vs 15](#), Their Conflicts [Vs 16-17](#) & Their Calamities [Vs 18-19](#)
The eye of the Lord is on the righteous!

The Lord and His People [Vs 20-22](#) [Psalm 24:1-6](#)

For those who are “saved”, fully devoted followers of Christ both rejoice and also weep over where we are. I am not to fear what I see happening, but instead be moved to live differently, and call out to our Creator to bring change to our nation through me. But there is some great news to end with today!

We are to Wait In the Lord [Vs 20](#)

He alone is our help and shield. He is our help and protection no matter what may come into our life!

We are to Trust in the Lord [Vs 21](#)

We have his joy, even in the midst of difficult times and good times. Why? Because we trust in Him and no other!

We are to Hope in the Lord

Vs 22

The best of all, we have hope in Him, that this world is not all that there is, and that we can stand on the solid rock of Jesus, we don't have to fear because my destiny is sealed, nothing can take me from My Father's Hand, I don't have to guilt from my sin, or fear death, because it is in Christ Alone that I stand!

SONG: In Christ Alone (The Solid Rock)

It isn't enough to leave the place of worship simply "feeling good," because feelings are temporary and sometimes deceptive. If we find ourselves loving God and His people more, having greater faith and hope in the Lord, and going forth into the battle of life with greater confidence and joy, then our worship has accomplished what God wanted it to accomplish. Our Response: **That we would be changed!** May we be changed and transformed by Him this week! He alone is the standard and my we faithfully live our lives by His Standard!