



Psalms 33 – bringing it all together

- 1 Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
- 3 Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.
- 5 The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;
he puts the deep into storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the people of the world revere him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- 10 The Lord foils the plans of the nations;
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
- 11 But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever,
the purposes of his heart through all generations.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people he chose for his inheritance.
- 13 From heaven the Lord looks down
and sees all mankind;
- 14 from his dwelling place he watches
all who live on earth—
- 15 he who forms the hearts of all,
who considers everything they do.
- 16 No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.
- 17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.
- 18 But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
- 19 to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.
- 20 We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.
- 22 May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord,
even as we put our hope in you.

Core Seminars—How to Study the Bible **Class 12: Repetition**

Making the Point Again and Again

Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted. (Isa 53:4)

Example 1 – Jn 6:47-59 (repetition reveals the main point)

47 I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. 50 But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

52 Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

53 Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. 56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. 57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.” 59 He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

Example 2—Daniel 3 (repetition reveals the author’s interpretation)

Dan 3:3 King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, ninety feet high and nine feet wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. 2 He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up. 3 So the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before it.

4 Then the herald loudly proclaimed, “This is what you are commanded to do, O peoples, nations and men of every language: 5 As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. 6 Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.”

7 Therefore, as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations and men of every language fell down and worshiped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Example 3 – 2 Tim. 2:3 (repetition provides emphasis)

2 Tim 2: 3 Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer. 5 Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor’s crown unless he competes according to the rules. 6 The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.

Example 4 – Rev. 18:9-11, 15-20 (repetition sets the tone)

Rev 18:9 “When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. 10 Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry:

“‘Woe! Woe, O great city,

O Babylon, city of power!

In one hour your doom has come!’

11 “The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes any more...

...15 The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn 16 and cry out:

“‘Woe! Woe, O great city,

dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet,

and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls!

17 In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!’

“Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off. 18 When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, ‘Was there ever a city like this great city?’ 19 They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out:

“‘Woe! Woe, O great city,

where all who had ships on the sea

became rich through her wealth!

In one hour she has been brought to ruin!

20 Rejoice over her, O heaven!

Rejoice, saints and apostles and prophets!

God has judged her for the way she treated you.”

Example 5 – Isa. 53:4-6

Isa 53:4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.