

# What it means to Fear God

Begin by praying that the Lord would reveal the truth of His word to you in the coming minutes. Put yourself in a position to receive from God's word.

Read Psalm 33:18-21 aloud and answer the following questions:

Q. How would you interpret verses 13-17. If you are studying these verses on your own, rewrite the verses in your own words in the space below. If your small group discuss your interpretation of these 4 verses.

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In particular, look at verse 17.

Q. What are some possible modern equivalents of the "war horse" in this verse?

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Now read verse 18 again.

Q. What do you notice about the two elements of this verse? "Those" people in this verse are characterized in two ways. What do you notice about the description? How does it help to define what it means to "fear" the Lord?

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Read verse 19. Now read Jeremiah 17:5-8.

Q. How does Jeremiah 17 expand on the meaning of Psalm 33:19?

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Read verses 20-22.

Q. How do these verses encourage you? Do you find yourself challenged by these verses?

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Q. What does it mean for our hope to be “in God alone?” Do these words describe the condition of your hope? If not, what stands in the way of these words being descriptive of you?

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