

## Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalm 33: 12-15; 18

### **New International Version**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for this inheritance. From Heaven, the Lord looks down and sees all mankind...

### *The Message*

*Blessed is the country with God for God; blessed are the people he's put in his will. From high in the skies God looks around, he sees all Adam's brood. From where he sits he overlooks all us earth-dwellers. He has shaped each person in turn; now he watches everything we do.*

*Watch this: God's eye is on those who respect him, the ones who are looking for his love. He's ready to come to their rescue in bad times; in lean times he keeps body and soul together.*

As we think of the heavens as being God's "dwelling place", the possibility that God can look upon his creation makes sense; that is, God has a window to everything including the earth and all its inhabitants. What's more, God "considers everything they do"; yes, everything!

God decided to flood the earth and destroy all but Noah and his family, and two of every species of animal. He was grieved by all that he saw: man had become very corrupt to the point that "every inclination of the thoughts" of people was evil all the time. Only Noah was obedient to God; only Noah feared God or respected and honored God. Well, you know what happened: God flooded the earth and destroyed everything save those on the ark - not altogether a new start but certainly some major changes in the way of the earth's population!

Whether famine, flood, calamity or crisis, the condition should always place hope and trust in God alone. As I recently heard a young person say, our hope or faith cannot be placed in family, friends, or anything except God.

God, as the creator of all things, has dominion or control over all those things. Though God allows sin to occur in this world (and affect all people), yet he offers hope to those who fear him, to those who call upon his name as Lord of their lives. I pray that you are one of those...

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