**PSALM 32**

Exultate, justi.

*An exhortation to praise God, and to trust in him.*

**1** A psalm for David.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just: praise becometh the upright.

**2** Give praise to the Lord on the harp; sing to him with the psaltery, the instrument of ten strings.

**3** Sing to him a new canticle, sing well unto him with a loud noise.

**4** For the word of the Lord is right, and all his works are done with faithfulness.

**5** He loveth mercy and judgment; the earth is full of the mercy of the Lord.

**6** By the word of the Lord the heavens were established; and all the power of them by the spirit of his mouth:

**7** Gathering together the waters of the sea, as in a vessel; laying up the depths in storehouses.

**8** Let all the earth fear the Lord, and let all the inhabitants of the world be in awe of him.

**9** For he spoke and they were made: he commanded and they were created.

**10** The Lord bringeth to nought the counsels of nations; and he rejecteth the devices of people, and casteth away the counsels of princes.

**11** But the counsel of the Lord standeth for ever: the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

**12** Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: the people whom he hath chosen for his inheritance.

**13** The Lord hath looked from heaven: he hath beheld all the sons of men.

**14** From his habitation which he hath prepared, he hath looked upon all that dwell on the earth.

**15** He who hath made the hearts of every one of them: who understandeth all their works.

**16** The king is not saved by a great army: nor shall the giant be saved by his own great strength.

**17** Vain is the horse for safety: neither shall he be saved by the abundance of his strength.

**18** Behold the eyes of the Lord are on them that fear him: and on them that hope in his mercy.

**19** To deliver their souls from death; and feed them in famine.

**20** Our soul waiteth for the Lord: for he is our helper and protector.

**21** For in him our heart shall rejoice: and in his holy name we have trusted.

**22** Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in thee.