

**Sure and Steady Truths For Uncertain Times**

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<sup>9</sup>For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.  
<sup>10</sup>The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. <sup>11</sup>The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. <sup>12</sup>Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! <sup>13</sup>The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; <sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, <sup>15</sup>he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. <sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. <sup>17</sup>The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, <sup>19</sup>that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. <sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. <sup>21</sup>For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. <sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

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## Gibbon's Traits for Rome's Decline

- Ethical confusion
- Economic instability
- Sexual perversion and gender dystopia
- Insatiable desire for entertainment
- The Rise of competing Empires Through War loses
- Breakdown of the family

<sup>7</sup>If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it. <sup>9</sup>And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it.

—*Jeremiah 18:7-10*

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— *Psalm 33:1-3*



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

— *1 Thessalonians 5:16-19*

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear... <sup>18</sup>What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

— *Philippians 1:12-14, 18*

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— *Psalms 33:4-9*

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— *Psalm 33:10-12*

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise — in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

— *Psalm 56:3-4*

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— *Psalm 33:18-19*

<sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

— *1 John 4:10*



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— *Psalm 33:20-22*

- vs 20:** As our soul waits for the Lord → we will find him to be our help and shield.
- vs 21:** As we trust in his holy name → our heart will be glad in him alone.
- vs 22:** As we place our hope in him → his steadfast love is upon us.