

## **Our Great God of Faithfulness (Psalm 65)**

- It is a natural thing for human beings to struggle & even resist change in life
- Facing a new year & leaving the old, means certain changes are unavoidable
- For most of us this is unsettling & unnerving & produces fear and insecurity
- When our world is changing so rapidly, the safest place for us is solid ground
- That solid ground is God alone, who changes not (Mal 3:6; Heb 13:8)

### **I. Blessing Found in God's Court (vs. 1-4)**

- When God atones for sin, He not only forgives but He blesses (Joel 2:12-14)
- In the light of being atoned, mankind makes preparation to praise God (vs.1)
- Being redeemed, we praise God because He listens to & answers prayer (vs.2)
- When we call on Him to deliver us from our sins, He is faithful to do it (vs.3)
- Having peace with God through Christ (Rom 5: 1) he hears us (1Jhn 5:13,14)
- A Christian is more blessed than any other because of access to God (vs.4)

### **II. Awesome Deeds of His Power (vs.5-8)**

- David really knew & felt what it meant to be helpless & hopeless (Ps143:3)
- But His walk with & experience of God lead him to keep trusting in God
- He witnessed that this was not only for Israel but all who will trust (Ps 22:27)
- God answers with great & awesome deeds, He is the hope all earth (vs.5)
- His strength formed the mountains (v.6) & His wonder brings awe to all (v.8)
- Whatever your situation or circumstance, David testifies God is on the throne

### **III. Abundant Provision of Harvest (vs.9-13)**

- David describes God's blessing His people with a rich crop & harvest (v.9)
- David sees this abundant provision as God's expression of faithfulness
- God is in control of what we are helpless to affect (Job 28:24,25)
- David catalogs God's unceasing faithfulness, care & cultivation of the land
- He directs water that produces the grain (v.9b) the rain prepares the land (v.10)
- His blessing produces the harvest (v.11) uncultivated areas rich with grass (12)
- The flocks & grain flourish under God's direct & specific care (v.13)
- Glorious is God's care & mercy on creation, David says it shouts for joy (13b)
- A joy heightened by redemption & God's children being revealed (Rom 8:19-21)