

Psalm 65

1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm and Song of David. Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed. 2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. 3 Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea: 6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power: 7 Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people. 8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it. 10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof. 11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. 12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side. 13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

Introduction:

1. “To the chief Musician” (1 Chr. 25:1-6) – Asaph (also, Jeduthun and Heman).
2. “A Psalm” – instrumental music.
3. “A Song” – vocal music.
4. “of David” – composed by David.
5. This Psalm magnifies the presence of God.

Outline:

- A. In Praise for God’s Presence (vv.1-3)
 - B. The Blessedness of God’s Presence (v.4)
- A.’ In Praise for God’s Reign (vv.5-8)
 - B.’ The Blessedness of God’s Reign (vv.9-13)

Observations:

1. “in Sion” meaning in Jerusalem. The place of worship during David’s lifetime.
2. “shal the vow be performed” – vows of worship and sacrifice. Where is the place of worship and sacrifice today?
3. David praises God for spiritual blessings: hearing prayers and the forgiveness of sins.
4. “thy holy temple” – David looks ahead to something more permanent. Remember the tabernacle was temporary.
5. There is a blessedness for those who assemble in God’s place of worship. What is God’s ordained place of worship for today? The local, New Testament, Biblical, Baptist church (assembly of baptized disciples).
6. God is the God of our salvation, the confidence of all the ends of the earth and of them that are afar off upon the sea.
7. (v.7) compare this to Mark 4:39.
8. There are temporal blessings to praise and thank God for: national defense and peace, and temporal success.

Lesson: Like David, we as believers must take time to praise and thank God for His abundant blessings (both spiritual and temporal blessings). God is both bountiful and benevolent.