

PSALM 65 – Praise to God for His Salvation and Providence!

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THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD *Maltbie Babcock Franklin Shepherd*

1. *This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the wonders wrought.*
2. *This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise, The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.*
3. *This is my Father's world: Oh, let me ne'er forget That though the wrong seems oft so
strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world, The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and Heav'n be one.*

PSALM 65 - This psalm is addressed to the chief musician. It is a psalm and a song of David. **It is a song of praise for God's bountiful harvest, for all His blessing.** So really it's a song that has been associated, as far as the church is concerned, with thanksgiving, giving thanks unto God for his provision in the abundance of the harvest. There are many things in this psalm for which David gives praise and so the first line of the first verse really sets the tone for the entire psalm.

PSALM 65 - O God of Our Salvation To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. A Song

Vs. 1-6 – The way of approach to God.

Psa 65:1 Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion; And to You the vow shall be performed.

- ***Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion.*** In the Hebrew there is the idea of the people waiting before the Lord in silence as they are ready to burst forth in praise. It is the assembled congregation standing there in silence before God as they are contemplating the marvelous works of God and are ready to burst forth in praise.
- ***And to You the vow shall be performed.*** Now he praises God, first of all, because God hears our prayers.

Psa 65:2 O You who hear prayer, To You all flesh will come.

- When you really stop to think about it, as you look at the vastness of this universe in which we live and as you look at the miracle of life and the life forms, you realize that there is a God, so great as to created this entire universe and all of the life forms within it that that God should hear my prayer is an awesome thing! **So the first cause for praise is that God hears our prayers.** That is really a cause for praise and thanksgiving to think that God will hear the prayers of us, as insignificant as we are and yet He hears our prayers!

Psa 65:3 Iniquities prevail against me; As for our transgressions, You will provide atonement for them.

- **The second cause for prayer is that God washes away our transgressions.** Living in this body, which is in rebellion against the spirit since we are not subject to the law of God we are opposed and in rebellion to the law of God and surrounded as we are by iniquity, so often yielding to the flesh rather than to the spirit, yet God washes away our transgressions. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's son, cleanses us and washes us from all sin. Again, a real cause for praise, that washing and that cleansing of my transgressions!

Psa 65:4 Blessed is the man You choose, And cause to approach You, That he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Of Your holy temple.

- ***Blessed is the man You choose, And cause to approach You,*** The next cause for praise is that **God chose me**. He chooses those who he causes to approach Him. Jesus one day said to His disciples, “You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should be My disciples”. We are chosen by God. When Paul, in Ephesians chapter one, begins to list all of the spiritual blessings that we have in Christ in heavenly places. Paul said, “*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:*” (**Eph 1:3**). As he starts to think about all of God’s blessings the very first and at the top of his list is that he has chosen us Christ before the foundations of the world. Paul looked at that as one of the greatest blessings that I have is the fact that God chose me in Christ before the foundations of the world. A marvelous thing to realize that God in His love chose me to follow Him. Having chosen me He called me, having called me, He has washed me, and He has made me a Son of God through my faith in Jesus Christ. “Blessed is the man whom you have chosen”
- A lot of people have difficulty with the fact that God chooses those who are to follow Him to serve Him. I personally don’t have any difficulty with that. I think that God should have the right of choice for those who are going to spend eternity with Him. You have the choice of who you are going to spend this life with. God gave you that choice and I think we all appreciate the fact that we have that choice. God just didn’t dump someone on you and say, “Take that” but you have the choice. When he asked you if you would you have the choice to say I won’t or I will. If we respect the fact and appreciate the fact that we have the choice of who we are going to spend this life with, how much more should God have the privilege of who He’s going to spend eternity with.
- People fault God for that because the indication would be that God has also chosen those who would not be able to spend eternity with Him. Where the problem rises is in our fact, the fact that we cannot understand how God thinks. We have limited understanding. We make our choices and then we pray, “O Lord, I hope this is the right choice” and we are not always sure, we don’t know the outcome. Have you ever chosen something that later on you wished you had not? Have you not chosen something that later on you wished had? “If I had only known” my choices probably would’ve been different in many things in life, not in marriage. I’ll stick with that one as long as I live. In many things in life, I would have made different choices had I only known. God doesn’t have that problem because he knows. He knows before He ever chooses what the outcome of the choice will be. Thus, He chooses on the basis of His knowledge, His foreknowledge of what the outcome would be.
- Having that kind of foreknowledge, being privy to that kind of information, would alter your choices tremendously. I cannot think of how it would be to think if I knew everything. Do you have to think if you know everything? I don’t know of what kind of thought processes you have when you know everything. Think of what you could do at Santa Anita if you had that kind of knowledge. Would you go over there and choose a list of losers if you knew which horse was going to win each race? Would you over there mark whatever you mark with all the losers? Of course, you wouldn’t you’d choose winners. If you only had that kind of knowledge you’d go over and chose a whole list of winners.
- So, when God made his choices He chose winners. I like that, He chose me. That guarantees I’m a winner, the fact that God has chosen me in Christ before the foundations of the world. Really it is a marvelous thing to give praise and thanksgiving to God for, the fact that He has chosen us.
- ***Blessed is the man You choose, And cause to approach You,*** yes, yes. You say, “but that doesn’t seem fair to me that God would choose certain ones and not choose others”. Well again, as I say, we can’t really judge or fault God for that because we can’t understand how it is to choose when you know everything. He chose on the basis of His foreknowledge. “Whom He did foreknow He does also predestinate that they shall be conformed to the image”. We can’t understand. It would be manifestly wrong for us to fault God for having the power of choice and for making the choices He does having the information that He has. You say, “but I don’t know if God chose me or not.” Well it’s easy to find out. Turn your heart and life over to Jesus Christ and ask Him to come in and take over. Surrender yourself to Him and you’ll find out that He chose you. You say, “Well I don’t know if I want to do that or not” well maybe He didn’t choose you.
- You see, He knew and knows what your response and reaction will be. He knew you were going to take that stance, “Well I don’t know if I want to do that” and so He won’t choose you. Or He knew that somehow the spirit of God would grab hold of your heart and when you heard the message say,

“O I want it I want it. I want that relationship with God. I want to commit my life to Jesus Christ” and so He chose you, before the foundations of the world that’s the interesting thing.

- ***Blessed is the man You choose, And cause to approach You.*** That marvelous fact that I can approach God. Paul sort of followed this in his Ephesians chapter one because he talks about us not only being chosen but accepted in the beloved. I can approach God through Jesus Christ.
- ***That he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Of Your holy temple.*** So blessed the man who God has chosen to come and to worship Him in His house, His holy temple.

**Vs. 5-8 – We see the Lord in answer to prayer performing wonders for which He is praised!
Psa 65:5 *By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us, O God of our salvation, You who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, And of the far-off seas;***

- ***By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us,*** God answers the prayers of His people through awesome works and marvelous miracles.
- ***God of our salvation, You who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, And of the far-off seas;*** He is not only the God of Israel but the God of all peoples, the God of all nations. Praising God again, remember this is a psalm of praise.

Psa 65:6 *Who established the mountains by His strength, Being clothed with power;*

- Now he is going to talk about God’s creation. He’s talked about the awesomeness of the works of God.

Psa 65:7 *You who still the noise of the seas, The noise of their waves, And the tumult of the peoples.*

Psa 65:8 *They also who dwell in the farthest parts are afraid of Your signs; You make the outgoings of the morning and evening rejoice.*

- ***You who still the noise of the seas,*** You think of Jesus at that point when the disciples and Jesus were in the little ship and the waves were coming over the bow. They were bailing the thing out and it was sinking. Jesus was asleep and when they woke Him up He rebuked the winds and the seas and immediately there was a great calm.
- ***The noise of their waves, And the tumult of the peoples. They also who dwell in the farthest parts are afraid of Your signs; You make the outgoings of the morning and evening rejoice.*** God asked Job the question in this controversy that Job had with his friends, they could not resolve the issues. Finally, God spoke to Job. God gave Job a series of questions and he said, “Answer them if you have knowledge”. Of the questions that God asked, He talked about who waters the wilderness. The area over there in the Middle East is an arid area but the people have learned tremendous water conservation principles.

Vs. 9-13 – We shall sing the special harvest song!

Psa 65:9 *You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; The river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, For so You have prepared it.*

- Here he again sees the marvelous work of God in the watering of the earth. When you think about it, this watering cycle, it’s done marvelous hydraulic engineering of God. How He takes water which is sixteen times heavier than atmosphere, heavier than the air, and the sun beats down upon the seas and causes the water of the sea to evaporate into the component gases which are lighter than the atmosphere. He gathers them together in the clouds, moves them with the winds over the land and has them designed so that according to the drop in temperature there is the precipitation. He moves these masses of water. That tremendous mass of waters that was moved from the seas over the land and dumps it on the land. It goes into the rivers back out into the sea and up, this whole hydraulic cycle. Really a marvelous thing.

Psa 65:10 *You water its ridges abundantly, You settle its furrows; You make it soft with showers, You bless its growth.*

- ***You water its ridges abundantly.*** The mountains of course being colder receive more water. Always, as you look at the rain tables around here, where we might get fifteen inches of rain

in the area here in the same year they will get fifty-seven inches of rain up in Arrowhead for He waters the ridges thereof abundantly. Why? So that He can store it as snow and you'll have water all summer long. Accident or design? The storage of the water and the gradual melting of the snows so you have the year around streams flowing bringing the water down to the lower areas. A marvelous, marvelous design.

- ***You settle its furrows; You make it soft with showers, You bless its growth.*** The ground itself becomes soft. You are able to plow it because of the showers.

Psa 65:11 You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with abundance.

Psa 65:12 They drop on the pastures of the wilderness, And the little hills rejoice on every side.

Psa 65:13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; The valleys also are covered with grain; They shout for joy, they also sing.

- The harvest time, God has been good. He has watered the fields creating the grasses for the sheep, creating the grain, the gathering together and the thanksgiving, the acknowledging of God as the one who has provided for man to exist here on the planet. O that men would praise the Lord for His wonderful works and his goodness unto man.

10,000 REASONS – BLESS THE LORD! - Redman

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me, Let me be singing When the evening comes

Refrain: Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love And You're slow to anger. Your name is great And Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find (Refrain)

And on that day, When my strength is failing, The end draws near And my time has come.

Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years And then forevermore. Forevermore -

Refrain (2X) I'll worship Your Holy name Jesus I will worship Your Holy name, Sing like never before Oh my soul I'll worship your holy name

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