

Sunday Night Message

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*Psalm 65 - Worthy of Praise*

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 65

## **Introduction**

### **"To the chief Musician, A Psalm and Song of David."**

The context of this psalm is unknown, but it is thought by some to be a "restitution psalm", meaning it references the time when God will restore all things:

*"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." (Acts 3:19-21)*

When Christ returns to the earth, He will restore all things to the way that they should be. Jerusalem will be the capital of the earth, and God's people, Israel, will be restored to a favored people. All the people on the earth will worship and serve the Lord.

Some believe that the historical context for this psalm has to do with David's preparation for the moving of the ark to Jerusalem.

Whatever the context, we know that this is a wonderful psalm and song of praise to God.

Notice "a psalm and song" – psalm could mean poem, and song has the definite meaning of words put to music.

***"Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed." (Psalms 65:1)***

Praise is appropriate for God – is fitting for God. If this in fact a reference to the coming of the ark to Jerusalem, then David maybe saying that when the presence of God arrives in Jerusalem, then the people of sion will be there to welcome Him and praise Him.

Why do we praise God:

**I      Because of His Answered Prayer (v. 2)**

***"O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come." (Psalms 65:2)***

*"Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth." (John 9:31)*

God hears the prayers of His people. He heard the prayers of Israel, and delivered them from their enemies. He hears the prayers of His people today.

*"The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles." (Psalms 34:17)*

## **II Because of His Absolute Purging of Our Sin (v. 3)**

***"Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away." (Psalms 65:3)***

*"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isaiah 1:18)*

*"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." (Psalms 103:12)*

*"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." (Hebrews 10:16-17)*

*"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." (Hebrews 8:10-12)*

*"I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." (Isaiah 43:25)*

*"Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." (Romans 4:7-8)*

*Gone, gone, gone, gone!  
Yes, my sins are gone.  
Now my soul is free  
And in my heart's a song;  
Buried in the deepest sea.*

*Yes, that's good enough for me;  
I shall live eternally,  
Praise God! My sins are gone!*

*You ask why I am happy so I'll just tell you why,  
Because my sins are gone;  
And when I meet the scoffers who ask me where they are,  
I say, "My sins are gone."  
They're underneath the blood on the cross of Calvary,  
As far removed as darkness is from dawn;  
In the sea of God's forgetfulness, that's good enough for me,  
Praise God, my sins are gone.*

***"Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and causeth 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." (Psalms 65:4)***

### **III Because of His Awesome Power (vs. 5 - 8)**

***"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:" (Psalms 65:5)***

***"Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:" (Psalms 65:6)***

***"Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people." (Psalms 65:7)***

***"They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice." (Psalms 65:8)***

You will notice that at this time all of the people of the earth will recognize the mighty power of God.

*"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men." (Psalms 90:1-3)*

*"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or*

*powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist." (Colossians 1:16-17)*

He not only created the universe, he holds it together.

#### **IV Because of His Abundant Provision (vs. 9 - 13)**

***"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." (Psalms 65:9)***

***"Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof." (Psalms 65:10)***

***"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness." (Psalms 65:11)***

***"They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side." (Psalms 65:12)***

***"The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing." (Psalms 65:13)***

God provides for His people.

*Every need supplied, every moment satisfied*

*"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." (Psalms 37:25)*

#### **Conclusion**

God is worthy of our praise.

*"But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel." (Psalms 22:3)*