

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

THE MOUNTAINS AND THE MEADOWS PSALMS 65

Text:

Introduction:

This is a Psalm of thanksgiving and praise. The One to whom David is praying is the God of all creation.

From the Mounds to the Meadows the earth is full of the glory of God.

Note:

1. THE CONFIDENCE IN OUR PRAYER (VS. 1-5)

A. The Assurance of Our Prayers (vs. 1-2)

Psalm 65:1-2

¹ 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.

“Praise waiteth” is an expression used by David to describe the stillness of the moment.

In Zion there was an anticipation of the glory of God.

David was confident that God would hear his prayer.

B. The Approach of Our Prayers (vs. 3-4)

Psalm 65:3-4

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.

Even though David had sinned and was overtaken by transgressions, God had made a way for the writer to gain access into His presence.

C. The Answer to Our Prayers (vs. 5)

Psalm 65:5

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:

It was though the “terrible things” God answered David’s prayer.

Sometimes God uses the thorns in the side to draw us unto Himself.

Note not only the confidence in our prayers but also:

2. THE CREATION OF OUR PLANET (VS. 6-11)

A. His Strength (vs. 6)

Psalm 65:6

⁶ Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:

Now that David had an answer from God, he paused and to reflect on the creative element of God's nature.

God's strength (power and might) fashioned the world.

Our planet is not the result of evolution but the result of Divine might.

B. His Seas (vs. 7)

Psalm 65:7

⁷ Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

What expression of God's ability to maintain and sustain creation.

Those same roaring waves are calmed by the power of God.

He created them and it is His prerogative to calm them.

C. His Seasons (vs. 8)

Psalm 65:8

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.

David is saying that God makes the world go around.

The morning and evening, the seasons of life have been set in motion by the Divine Creator.

D. His Saturation (vs. 9-10)

Psalm 65:9-10

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.

What great comfort it is to know that God takes care of His creation.

The water brings life, vitality, and growth.

God abundantly supplies what we need by saturating our lives with His daily blessings.

Note not only the confidence in our prayers but also:

3. THE CONFIRMATION OF OUR PRAISE (vs.12-13)

A. On the Mound (vs. 12)

Psalm 65:12

¹² They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

These considerations of God's creations prompts David to rejoice in the Lord.

The mounds or the little hills may not stand in grand stature as some great mountain, but nonetheless they rejoice in their Creator.

B. In the Meadow (vs. 13)

Down in the meadow, or the pasture, God owns the flock and gives corn for provision.

Psalm 65:13

¹³ The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

Close:

God has given us life, creation, and sustenance. On top of that God hears and answer our prayer. We should join the chorus with creation and praise God.

From the mounds to the meadows God should be praised.