

The Hope of All the Earth

Psalm 65

This is the God who hears the deepest cries of our hearts and of this world and comes to our rescue.

“O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.”

Psalm 65:2

“By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, of God of our salvation.”

Psalm 65:5

I. Spiritual Discipline of Thanksgiving #1 – Gospel Reflection.

Psalm 65:1-4

Our smallest blessing is a direct result of our biggest blessing: **Redemption**.

Thanking God Reminds Us That God relentlessly pursued us When our Sins Overwhelmed Us.

“There will be silence before You, *and* praise in Zion, God, And the vow will be fulfilled for You.”

Psalm 65:1-2 (NASB)

“It may sometimes be the height of worship, in other words, to fall silent before God in awe at his presence and in submission to his will.” **Derek Kidner**

“When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple.”

Psalm 65:1-4

II. Spiritual Discipline of Thanksgiving #2 – Global Mission. Psalm 65:5-8

God’s blessing in our lives is an indication of God’s intention to bless all peoples to the ends of the earth.

Thanking God reminds us that He Intends to offer real hope to those farthest from hope and farthest from him.

“By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;”

Psalms 65:5

“God’s salvation is now seen in a new light on account of the death and resurrection of Jesus... Hope is grounded in God’s saving work in Christ, in the atoning death and resurrection of him who took human form... Christ’s death is the foundation of the new exodus and it establishes the new covenant.”

D.R. Denton

“For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.”

Romans 15:8

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

Romans 15:13

“Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!”

Psalms 67:4,5

A local seasonal harvest is always an indication that God intends a global spiritual harvest.

III. Spiritual Discipline of Thanksgiving #3 – A New Creation

Psalms 65:9-13

God’s bountiful provision of each harvest is a sign of his promise to renew all of creation one day.

Thanking God reminds us that God will one day make this groaning earth a completely new creation.

“The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, and they shout and sing together for joy.”

Psalms 65:12-13

“And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’”

Revelation 21:5

“This joy is seasonal and the scene local; but it is no far cry from this to the glimpse in other psalms of a final coming of God, and a welcome from the whole creation.” Derek Kidner

“Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all the fills it;
Let the field exult, and everything in it!

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.”

Psalm 96:11-12

“Let the sea roar and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.”

Psalm 98:7-9

Thanksgiving should be a time when we experience the sweet hope of a new day when God makes all things new. We hear the sweet song of creation.