



Psalms 65

11/17/19 AM

HOW BLESSED IT IS TO BE HEAR YOU

Introduction:

Superscription: For the choir director. A Psalm [*mizmor*] of David. A Song [*shir*].

I. GOD, THE SAVIOR, IS APPROACHABLE (65:1-4)

A. He accepts our praise. (vs. 1)

“there will be silence before You, and praise in Zion, O God”

“and to You the vow will be performed”

B. He hears our prayers (vs. 2)

“O You who hear prayer, to You all men come.” (see Psalm 135:15-18; Isaiah 40:5)

C. He forgives our sins. (vs. 3)

“iniquities prevail against me”

“as for our transgressions, You forgive them” (see Psalm 130:3-4)

D. He draws us to Himself. (vs. 4a)

“how blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near to You”

“to dwell in Your courts”

E. He satisfies our longings. (vs. 4b)

“we will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple”

The Doctrines of Grace (vs. 3-4):

- **total depravity** (“iniquities overwhelm”)
- **atonement** (“atone for our rebellion”)
- **election** (“the one You choose”)
- **effectual call** (“You bring near”)
- **perseverance** (“satisfied with Your goodness”)

II. GOD, THE SOVEREIGN, IS AWESOME (65:5-8)

A. He communicates to us. (vs. 5)

“by awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness, O God of our salvation”

“You who are the trust of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest sea”

B. He controls all things. (vs. 6)

“who establishes the mountains by His strength, being girded with might”

C. He calms all storms. (vs. 7)

“who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves”

“and the tumult of the peoples” (see Psalm 2:2; Luke 21:25-26)

D. He converts the heathen. (vs. 8)

“they who dwell in the ends of the earth stand in awe of Your signs”

“You make the dawn and the sunset shout for joy”

III. GOD, THE SUSTAINER, IS ADORABLE (65:9-13)

A. He provides for the earth. (vs. 9)

“You visit the earth and cause it to overflow; You greatly enrich it” (see Joel 2:23-24)

“the stream of God is full of water”

“You prepare their grain, for thus You prepare the earth”

B. He prepares the very dirt. (vs. 10)

“You water its furrows abundantly, You settle its ridges, You soften it with showers, You bless its growth.”

C. He provisions all creation. (vs. 11-13)

“You have crowned the year with Your bounty, and Your paths drip with fatness.”

“The pastures of the wilderness drip, and the hills gird themselves with rejoicing.”

“The meadows are clothed with flocks and the valleys are covered with grain.”

“They shout for joy, yes, they sing.”

Conclusion:

- 1) God has provided salvation from our sinful guilt (vs. 1-4), dependable sovereignty over all His creation (vs. 5-8), and abundant sustenance for all His creatures (vs. 9-11).
- 2) The God who controls all creation can and will answer our prayers in a way that will increase our fear and praise of Him.
- 3) Theology (the proper study of God) will always result in doxology (the proper praise of God)!

Food for Thought:

- 1) Explain the concept of the immanence and transcendence of God.
- 2) In what ways does God communicate with man as described in this psalm.
- 3) What do we mean when we say, “all creation praises the Creator”?
- 4) What does this psalm teach us about true satisfaction in life?