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Psalm 65

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Psalm 65.

Topics.

- Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts.
- All flesh shall come to the LORD.
- God atones for our iniquities.
- Blessed is the one God chooses and brings near to dwell in his courts.
- By awesome deeds you answer, O God of salvation, the hope of earth.
- God visits earth, provides grain and water and clothes it with flocks.

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INTRODUCTION

Psalms are songs and prayers offered to God by the nation Israel, they cover the range of human emotion, expressing praise, faith, victory, sorrow, despair, depression, frustration and the troubled heart of a mourner. They contrast the righteous with the wicked, and include the wisdom and the treasure of God's word. Psalms were written at the beginning of the 15th century BC and probably collected in their final form in the 3rd century.

BOOK TWO (PSALM 42-72)

PSALM 65:1

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. A song.

Blessed is the One you Choose to Dwell in Your Courts.

- **Psalm 65:1:** Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

Zion: is the LORD'S Holy Mountain of which God's Holy City Jerusalem sits. The words, "To you shall vows be performed," is in contrast to offering sacrifices, prayers and praises and making vows to idols made of wood and stone that cannot see, hear or speak and to pagan gods. The vows primarily refer to the covenant Israel made with God at Mount Sinai agreeing to do all that the LORD commanded.

PSALM 65:2

All Flesh shall come to the LORD.

- **Psalm 65:2:** O you who hears prayer, to you shall all flesh come.

The words, "You who hears prayer," not only contrasts the foolish who worship idols made of blocks of wood and stone that cannot hear and that have no power to change anything, but also contrasts all other gods people believe in worldwide since they are simply a creation of their imagination. Paul told the Athenians who worshipped idols that: -

- God is not an image formed by art and the imagination of man (Acts 17:29).

When a person worships an idol their imagination is involved, the idol is simply what links their mind to the god of their imagination. Though there is no power in idols there is power in human imagination. This is because the human nervous system does not have mind of its own, but simply responds to the mental movie played out on the screen of the imagination and affects the emotions and outward behaviour accordingly. If the idol they are worshipping is a symbol of a benevolent god they will naturally feel good emotions when worshipping that illusionary god, but if the idol is a symbol of a vengeful and wrathful god their emotions will react in fear and terror. This shines a brilliant spotlight on the truth that our emotions cannot be used as evidence that the God we believe in is the God of the Bible nevertheless that does not mean emotions should be ignored. Providing a person's faith is based on the words of Christ they should fully embrace the wonderful emotions the Good News of the Gospel produces in the heart of those who fully believe and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for righteousness and eternal salvation. For further information see the title:

- Demons, in Satan and his Family (ON WEBSITE MENU).

God Atones for our Iniquities.

- **Psalm 65:3:** When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

The King James Bible says:

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

The word purge comes from the Hebrew word (kaphar) and means to cover over. Figuratively it carries the idea of atoning for sin to make amends for a wrong to put right what is clearly not, to overlook, pardon and forgive, to satisfy or cancel out a wrong-doing. To soothe, calm and to cleanse, to disannul, to be merciful, pacify, reconcile and bring together. David's statement, "When iniquities prevail against me," (v3) carry the idea that sin has overtaken David, which of course they clearly did (i.e., his affair with Bathsheba and plotting the death of her husband Uriah), this entire tragic event crushed David when he heard the convicting words of Nathan, "You are the man," and brought him to his knees in honest repentance. (2 Sam. 25:5) Here is the glory of God and the wonder of the Christian faith, when iniquities over take the faithful and they return to God in honest repentance God not only forgives, but covers their sin and holds nothing against them. (The full story of David and Nathan is in 2 Samuel chapter twelve). David's heart was one that always sought the LORD and desired above all things His steadfast love. Though he like all of us was fully aware that he was not perfect before God he had a heart of integrity and desired above all thing to bring honour to God. This is one of the reasons why he prays that God would help him when he lifts up his hands toward the LORD'S most holy sanctuary. (Psalm 28:2).

John in his letters wrote:

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:8-10).

This is not something new David's Psalms and prayers clearly show that he understood the principle of repentance and of acknowledging and confessing sin Some might say, "If David can sin and repent and be forgiven why not do as we please since repentance covers." The answer to this is simple, we may fool man, but we cannot fool God, he perceives the honest motivation of the heart and will judge accordingly. It is almost certain those who deliberately use God's grace as an excuse to sin will find themselves standing in the group Jesus speaks of in the following verses:

- Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.” (Matt. 7:21).
- Why do you call me “Lord, Lord,” and not do what I tell you? (Luke 6:46).

PSALM 65:4

Blessed is the one God chooses to Dwell in His Courts.

- **Psalm 65:4:** 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!

The words, “Blessed is the one you choose,” (V4) does not mean that God has predestined some to be saved and some to be condemned, but that God chooses those who open their heart to him. God by nature is love and desires to possess and dwell in every heart, but He will not force Himself upon any. It is human obstinacy and pride that prevents God from flooding the heart with His love and grace. John in his letters wrote: -

- Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 John 4:8).
- God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1 John 4:16).

The words, “We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple,” clearly applies to the Old Testament Temple of God built with human hands, but by extension applies to the global faithful church which is not built by human hands, but by the Spirit of God and can be in the home of a faithful brother or sister, in a church building or a rented community hall or anywhere faithful brothers and sisters are gathered in Jesus name. This is because the church God is building today is not a building of bricks and mortar, but of people who by faith belong the Kingdom of His Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

PSALM 65:5-8

By Awesome Deeds You Answer, O God of Salvation.

- **Psalm 65:5-8:** 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; ⁶the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might; ⁷who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples, ⁸so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

God is the hope of the earth contrasts man being the hope of the earth. Man thinks he can bring peace and harmony to our planet and save the populations of the world, but no generation has ever succeeded in this quest and no generation ever will because the world we live in is corrupted with sin and every child born of Adam is born into this world with a fallen corrupted nature infected with sinful dysfunctions and aberrations that like a cancerous virus infect the human heart, mind and body (at various levels) in a injurious manner. In contrast to this the Lord Jesus Christ, God’s Son and the Saviour of the world sums up the heart of his heavenly Father in the words, “Love your neighbour as yourself,” meaning do not deliberately do harm to other humans. No sane person deliberately does things to inflict pain on themselves, loving others as you love yourself is not about feeling some warm and fuzzy emotion towards others, it is about not hurting others as you would not hurt yourself. James the brother of Jesus said:

- If you really fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing well. (James 2:8).

James calls Jesus command, "Love your neighbour as yourself," the royal law and says if we are keeping this one law we are doing well. The thing God hates the most is when we deliberately do harm to another person, physically, verbally, financially sexually, emotionally or spiritually and the thing God loves the most is when we do-good to others. It is interesting to notice that the major crime that God points out in Noah's time and one of the main reasons for the flood was because of all the violence in the land.

- Micah wrote: "What the LORD requires of mankind is to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with their God" (Micah 6:5-10).
- Isaiah says: "The LORD loves justice, hates robbery and wrong doing" (Isaiah 61:8).
- Jeremiah said: "Those who know God practise steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, because it is in these things that God delights" (Jer. 9:24).

The great prophets Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah clearly show the law is about doing-good to others and protecting them from harm and hurt. The spirit under-pinning the Ten Commandments, is love because each law protects another human from harm.

Paul in his letter to the Romans wrote:

- Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:10).

Paul shines a brilliant spotlight on the truth that the spirit underpinning the law is love, because the spirit of the law is to protect the innocent from all types of harm and hurt, whoever keeps the law will do no wrong to a neighbour (neighbour embraces all mankind not just those in God's Kingdom). Those who belong to Christ aim to keep the law not to get saved, but because it honours God and brings a good testimony to the name of Jesus and the Christian faith and because it is the right and loving thing to do. The faithful in Christ's global Kingdom not only understand that righteousness that leads to eternal life is a free gift of God that comes through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and cannot be earned by self-effort, but also know that from the love of God dwelling within their heart and displayed on the bloodstained cross of Calvary they are called to live a lifestyle that honours the King and Saviour they worship and follow and called to treat others with decency, respect and honest justice.

Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount: the constant theme throughout Jesus famous Sermon on the Mount is doing what is right before God by seeking the way of peace in all situations. Jesus calls Christians to treat people fairly and with respect, dignity, decency grace compassion, kindness, mercy and to be quick to forgive. This means living a life that honours God and the Lord Jesus Christ is about doing right to those in the church and those outside of it. This is the reason the message Jesus spoke on the mountain is referred to as, "The Famous Sermon" because the principals if followed not only by Christians, but all humanity are the only way to peace (Matt 5). Based on the commandment, love your neighbour as yourself and the law it could be said that a wicked and evil person is one who deliberately and consciously denies the existence of God and deliberately does harm to other humans. For further information on Jesus Famous Sermon see:

- Matthew 5 in, Commentary NT (ON WEBSITE MENU).

PSALM 65:9-13

God visits Earth, provides Water and Clothes it with Flocks.

- **Psalm 65:9-13:** 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. ¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. ¹¹You

crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance. ¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, ¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

In these verses David pictures the LORD as a great farmer in a wagon being pulled by horses across the earth throwing grain across the meadows, then watering and blessing it with abundant growth so much so that even the wilderness and the valleys overflow with grain and the meadows are covered with flocks of animals. There is so much abundance the wilderness, the valleys, the meadows and the hills all burst out for joy together, even the morning and evening shout for joy and everyone on earth is in awe of what the LORD has done. This Psalm was probably written in the Golden years of David and Solomon, but in these verses a faint echo of the glorious Kingdom age to come can be seen and in the following verses there is an echo of Christ's return in glory:

- Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed (v1).
- You who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come (v2).
- We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple! (v4).
- You LORD are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas (v5).

All of these verses carry a faint echo of the Lord Jesus Christ returning in glory as, King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16) to rule and reign from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain) to establish God's Kingdom on earth during his glorious millennial reign. The dead in Christ (Old and New Testament) and the faithful, who are alive, will be gathered together in the first resurrection (Rev. 20:4-6) to rule and reign as kings and priests with the Lord over those nations who are left outside the Holy City of God. Christ the King united with his people will not only bring peace to the Middle East, but establish God's Kingdom of steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, joy and peace throughout the world and the glory of God will cover the earth. Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever. He will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish. The animals will not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the wolf and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce. All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God.

The book of Revelation states:

- Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth (Revelation 1:5-7).

In Revelation chapter five we are told that:

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

The great prophet Isaiah wrote:

- They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:9).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and

those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, Second Death) (Rev. 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory. For further information see titles:

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).
- The Second Resurrection or Great White Throne Judgment.

In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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