

LESSONS FROM PSALMS SIXTY-FIVE

Scripture: Psalm 65:1-13

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Introduction:

- A. This is a Psalm of David written during the good times..maybe in the time of harvest.
- B. It is a Psalm of praise and thanksgiving.

I. LEARN THAT PRAISE WAITETH FOR OUR GOD. v.1

- A. Some translate this "praise is fitting for God."
 - 1. That is a true statement, but not what David said.
 - 2: David said, "Praise waits for God."
- B. What does this mean?
 - 1. In our present condition, we know very little about praise.
 - 2. We may praise God a little for a little while, BUT then...
 - 3. None of us have ever come to the place Isaiah spoke of in Isaiah 6:1-8
 - 4. We will someday...We shall see Him high and lifted up in all His splendor and glory...THEN we shall praise Him
- C. Vow keeping is a necessary part of praise.
 - 1. How many times have we made vows and failed to keep the
 - 2. One day we shall be able to keep those vows.
- D. All flesh shall come before God to praise Him. v.2
 - 1. The saved shall bow before Him and praise Him.
 - 2. The lost shall also bow before Him and confess that Jesus is the Christ to the praise and glory of God.
 - 3. Isaiah 45:23,24; Phil. 2:10, 11; Rev. 5:13

II. LEARN THAT GOD'S PEOPLE SHALL ENJOY A FINAL VICTORY OVER THE INIQUITIES THAT PREVAIL OVER US. v.3

- A. Cannot each of us echo David's statement, "Iniquities prevail against me"?
 - 1. David's life reveals many weaknesses as well as strength.
 - 2. Paul wrote very plainly of his personal problems. Romans 7:14-25
 - 3. Each of us knows much too well that we too have weaknesses and that iniquities prevail over us many times.
- B. The last part of verse 3 tells us that God shall purge our transgressions away...cleanse us from our iniquities.
 - 1. 1 John 1:7-10
 - 2. We shall be given a new, sinless body like Jesus has. And in this gain the final victory over sin. I Cor. 15:51-57

III. LEARN WHO IS THE PERSON WHO IS BLESSED AND SATISFIED. v.4

- A. The one whom God has chosen—called.
 - 1. Verse 4, the man who Thou choosest"
 - 2. God chooses men IN CHRIST. Eph. 1:4 (3-10)
 - 3. Romans 8:28-30
- B. The one whom God has caused to approach Him.
 - 1. Chooses and causes to approach unto Thee. v.4
 - 2. John 6:44 "No man cometh unto me except the Father...draw him."
 - 3. John 12:32 "And I if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me. This He said, signifying what death He should die."
- C. Those who shall dwell in the House of the Lord...shall be blessed and satisfied. Courts...house...temple

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IV. LEARN THAT OUR GOD IS THE PRAYER ANSWERING GOD. vs.2,5

- A. God hears prayers...He hears all and knows all. v.2
- B. God answers prayers, maybe not like we want Him to; but He does answer. v.5
 - 1. When we call on Him to save us, He answers with salvation.
 - 2. When we need confidence for service, He hears and gives us the needed confidence.
- C. God is all this to all people..to the ends of the earth and to them upon the sea.

V. LEARN THE MANY REASONS DAVID GAVE FOR PRAISING GOD. vs.5-13

- A. He is our Salvation. v.5
- B. He is our confidence. v.5
- C. By His strength He set fast the mountains. v.6
- D. He stilled the noise of the sea and its waves. v.7
- E. He stilled the tumult of the people..turmoil of nation. v.7
- F. He makes mornings and the evenings to rejoice. v.8
- G. He visits the earth with water. v.9
- H. He enriches the earth. v.9
- I. He prepares corn for the earth. v.9
- J. He waters the ridges and settles the furrows of earth. v. 10
- K. He sends soft showers and blesses with the springing forth of the planted seed. v. 10
- L. He crowns the year with goodness and a rich harvest. v. 11
Also seen in vs. 12,13.