

Psalm 65

"Praise for Elohim's Power in Salvation and Creation"

Ps 65:1 (For the choir director. A Psalm of David. A Song.)

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A1 PRAISE FOR GOD'S POWER IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM 65:1-5

B1 Worthy of Praise 65:1

- C1 Meditative silence and vocal praise in Zion: 1 There will be silence before You, and praise in Zion, O God,
- C2 Keeping of vows: And to You the vow will be performed.

B2 Object of Universal Worship 65:2

- C1 Hearer of prayers: 2 O You who hear prayer,
- C2 The resort of all mankind: To You all men come.

B3 Forgiver of Sins 65:3

- C1 David – prone to sin: 3 Iniquities prevail against me;
- C2 Israel – corporate beneficiaries of God's pardon: As for our transgressions, You forgive them.

B4 Ultimate Relationship 65:4

- C1 David's blessedness at being chosen to be king and thus having ready access to worship in the sanctuary:
 - D1 4 How blessed is the one whom You choose¹ and bring near to You
 - D2 To dwell in Your courts.
- C2 Corporate Israel's satisfaction with worship in God's house: We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.

¹ 65:4 - "the one whom You choose": God chose David to be King of Israel, and David was privileged to exemplify true worship of God as evidenced by his many psalms. He is merely the visible wedge of a greater truth – all who worship God do so because He has chosen them. (See WordExplain's discussion of Election: <http://www.wordexplain.com/Election.html>.)

B5 Universal Source of Salvation 65:5

- C1 Israel's benefit from answered national prayer: 5 By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness, O God of our salvation,
- C2 The future international trust in God: You who are the trust of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest sea;

A2 PRAISE FOR GOD'S POWER IN CREATION 65:6-13

B1 Mountain Builder 65:6

- C1 6 Who establishes the mountains by His strength,
- C2 Being girded with might;

B2 Conqueror of the Sea and People 65:7

- C1 Stiller of seas and waves
 - D1 7 Who stills the roaring of the seas,
 - D2 The roaring of their waves,
- C2 Stiller of the troubled nations, typified by troubled seas: ²And the tumult of the peoples.

B3 Painter of Sunrise and Sunset 65:8

- C1 Earth-dwellers in awe of God's artistry: 8 They who dwell in the ends of the earth stand in awe of Your signs;
- C2 Illustrated in sunrise and sunset: You make the dawn and the sunset shout for joy.

B4 Provider of Food 65:9-13

- C1 Waterer of the Land 65:9-10
 - D1 Provider of Moisture 65:9
 - E1 9 You visit the earth and cause it to overflow;
 - E2 You greatly enrich it;
 - E3 The stream of God is full of water;
 - E4 You prepare their grain, for thus You prepare the earth.

² 65:7 title - troubled sea: Cf. Isa. 57:20, where the wicked are stated to be like the tossing sea.

D2 Waterer of Cropland 65:10

E1 10 You water its furrows abundantly,

E2 You settle its ridges,

E3 You soften it with showers,

E4 You bless its growth.

C2 Crowner of Bounty 65:11

D1 Bounty: 11 You have crowned the year with Your bounty,

D2 Delicacy: And Your paths drip with fatness.

C3 Rejoicer of Pastures and Meadows 65:12-13

D1 Pastures: 12 The pastures of the wilderness drip,

D2 Hills: And the hills gird themselves with rejoicing. 65:12

D3 Meadows and flocks: 13 The meadows are clothed with flocks

D4 Valleys and grain: And the valleys are covered with grain;

D5 Cause for joyful song: They shout for joy, yes, they sing. 65:13

Expanded Analysis of Psalm 65

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