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PSALMS 65

NKJV

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To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. A Song

Psalms 65 NKJV: Praise to God for His Salvation and Providence.

This Psalm is a song of thanksgiving and praising God for both **spiritual** and **physical** blessing.

Warren Wiersbe noted verse 11 crown the year and the mention of atonement in verse 3 points to the Feast of Tabernacles.

The observance of the Feast of Tabernacles is recorded in Exodus 23:16, 34:22; Leviticus 23:34-43; Numbers 29:12-40; Deuteronomy 16:13-15; Ezra 3:4; and Nehemiah 8:13-18.

The Bible reveals dual significance in the Feast of Tabernacles. Agriculturally, Sukkot is Israel's "Thanksgivings." It is a joyous harvest festival celebrating the completion of the agricultural year.

"The Feast of Tabernacles lasts one week, beginning on the fifteenth day of the month of Tishri (September or October), five days after the Day of Atonement, at the end of the harvest. "This feast was one of the most joyful feasts of the year. **(Mary Fairchild. Updated on July 05, 2020)**

I find it interesting in modern day society some of these Thanksgiving harvest festivals are celebrated. To name a few: the tomato and pumpkin festival and Thanksgiving Day.

In 1942 President Roosevelt issued a proclamation designating the fourth Thursday an Annual National Holiday in the USA and Canada."

"Americans generally believe Thanksgiving is modeled on 1621 harvest feast shared by the English Colonist (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people". (Noted The Britannica.)

Question. How do you celebrate Thanksgiving?

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Vs 1 Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion; And to You the vow shall be performed.

Zion was God's dwelling place. Psalm 76:1-2 AMPC says: In Judah God is known and renowned; His name is highly praised and is great in Israel. In [Jerusalem]Salem also is His tabernacle, and His dwelling place is in Zion.

The people were assembling in Jerusalem where they would celebrate the Lord's goodness and fulfill their commitments to Him. The vows that would be performed or paid were sacrifices promised to God in gratitude for a fruitful harvest, His blessing and help. (Psalms 50:14 AMP; 107:22 NLT.

Vs 2 O You who hear prayer, To You all flesh will come.

Because He answer prayer: He is available to all who will come to Him.

You who hear prayer: **here** (shama) to listen or give attention to, to hear effectively.

To You all flesh will come: this expands this worship Psalm to all people on earth need to come to God, not just the Jews or God's chosen, **BUT ALL Flesh.** "But when thy house shall be called a house of prayer—to all people, then unto thee shall all flesh come, and be welcomed."

Micah 7:18 NIV2 "Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy."

Romans 10:12-13 NIV "For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Vs 3 Iniquities prevail against me; *As for* our **transgressions**, you will provide **atonement** for them.

To get understanding of what this verse is saying, lets define:

- **Iniquity** in the Topical Study Bible ... is a type of sin that includes a conscious decision to hurt someone else or to rebel against God's law,
- **Iniquity** in the Bible; Hebrew is "avon" means to bend, twist, distort of the law or God's word to different degrees worthy of punishment. Example Adam and Eve disobeyed God's word resulting sin in humanity and they were removed from the Garden of Eden. (Genesis)
- Webster Dictionary iniquity mean gross injustice, wickedness or sin. (As seen in the world today)
- **Transgression** means presumptuous sin. It is to disobey choose intentionally.
- **Transgression from KJV Dictionary av1611** ... is the act of passing over or beyond any law or rule of moral duty; violation of a law or known principal rectitude, breach of command.
- **Vocabulary.com**... a transgression is something that is against a command or law- whether you ar cheating on a test or cheating on a spouse.

- **Pursue God.org** – transgression in “Hebrew “means to violate the trust of others. any wrong doing that break trust within a relationship. (Example to steal from a neighbor. Israel transgressed God.

Atone (Hb. Kaphar) literally means “cover, forgives, wipe out, purge”. Purge is to clear guilt, make of something unwanted.

Atonement in KJB Old Testament; Moses said unto Aaron, go unto the alter, and offer thy sin offering and thy burnt offering and make atonement for thyself, and for the people. (Read Ex 30:10; NU 15:28-29.

Atonement in New Testament –Webster Dictionary says atonement is the reconciliation of God and humankind through oneness with God

Atonement refers to the forgiveness or pardoning of sin general and original sin in particular through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Now we see verse 3 describes the crux of the problem for humanity. The people recognized that their sins were against them and that God was making atonement for their sins.

God was willing to make a covering for our sins. Note,

David did not say that the animals sacrificed atone for the people’s sin. David is “declaring what Paul would teach to the Ephesians 2:2-5 NASU.

The people needed a Savior, God “continued to show mercy toward the people by covering over their sins. “But Justification for God’s favorable treatment of us had to come through the death of His own Son. One of the roles of the Messiah was to come to the people of Israel and save them from their sins.

Vs 4 Blessed is the man You choose, and cause to approach You, that he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Of Your holy temple.

Deuteronomy 7:6 says “God chose Israel as the people whom He would bring near to Him. “

Under God’s new covenant of grace, (we Gentiles and Jews) who have trusted in Christ have chosen to receive the same privilege.

Blessed is the man you choose. John 15:16 NKJV says “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.”

1Peter2:9-10 NKJV says: “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light, who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained.

What the Jewish worshippers had in the sanctuary. Today we have in Jesus Christ, we all have these, blessings only because of the grace of God.

Verse 4b We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Of Your holy temple.

In God's infinite goodness, He meets every need of our heart" nothing this world offer compared to the joy of being in His presence. Psalms 16:11 says ""You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

Verses 5 thru 8 move from the people of Israel to all the nations of the world, and from God's grace to the Jews, to God's government of the Gentiles. (Warren Wiersby)

This section also describes the power and might of the Lord in the earth.

Vs 5 By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us, O God of our salvation, you who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of the far-off seas.

God perform "awesome deeds" for Israel." Psalms 47:2-4 CSB says "For the Lord, the Most High, is awe-inspiring, a great King over the whole earth. He subdues peoples under us and nations under our feet. He chooses for us our inheritance — the pride of Jacob, whom he loves. Selah

"O God, you are awesome and profoundly majestic from Your sanctuary; The God of Israel gives strength and power to His people. Blessed be God! "Psalms 68:35 AMP

Psalms 66:5-6 AMP "Come and see the works of God, He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of men. He turned the sea into dry land; They crossed through the river on foot; There we rejoiced in Him. These "gave witness to the pagan nation around them that Jehovah alone is the true and living God and the Lord of all nations. Romans 9:17 nkjv says ""For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth."

("He chose Israel to be the light of the Gentiles Isa 42:6 amp, and this was fulfilled in the coming of Christ to the world Luke 2:32 God's word.)

Jesus Christ is the only hope of the world.

Vs 6 Who established the mountains by His strength, *Being* clothed with power.

There are two specific displays of God power in the earth. His strength established the mountains, being girded with might".

- The mountain of Yosemite speaks to the power of God. The Lofty Rocky Mountain shows God's might.

- The second display of God's power is seen in verse 7...

Vs 7 You who still the noise of the seas, The noise of their waves, And the tumult of the peoples.

"The roaring seas "are a symbol of the nation in tumult and confusion.

Isaiah 17:12-13 says BSB "Alas, the tumult of many peoples; they rage like the roaring seas and clamoring nations; they rumble like the crashing of mighty waters. The nations rage like the rush of many waters. He rebukes them, and they flee far away, driven before the wind like chaff on the hills, like tumbleweeds before a gale (wind from 32 to 63 mi hour).

Revelation 13:1 AMP "And the dragon (Satan) stood on the sandy shore of the sea. Then I saw a [vicious] beast coming up out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten royal crowns (diadems), and on his heads were blasphemous names."

Basely in this view, "the beast from the sea is interpreted as the state or any human Kingdom that is in opposition to God. "This would include the Roman Empire but would broadly apply to all empires"

(Wikipedia)

Tumult means:

- Disorderly agitation or milling about a crowd usually with uproar and confusion of voices: commotion.
- A turbulent uprising: RIOT
- Violent agitation of mind or feelings
- A violent outburst

Vs 8 They also who dwell in the farthest parts are afraid of Your signs; You make the outgoings of the morning and evening rejoice.

This verse "tells us that we are to be in awe of the signs of God. David is telling us to look at the earth to see what God can do and remember that this same power is working to answer us."

In verses 9-13 David described the wonder of God provision and celebrated God's Sovereignty in picture language.

Vs 9 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.

To visit (Paqad) means to attend to or provide oversight to.

Water to enrich the earth-assuring provision of food for His people.

VS 10 You water its ridges abundantly, you settle its furrows; You make it soft with showers, you bless its growth.

Here we see God's provision when water (rain) softened the earth for plowing ... preparing the way to bless the crops.

This final section is all about how God when he does things for the earth --- He is overflowing with his blessing to all flesh. (Vss 11—12)

Vs 11 NKJV You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip *with* abundance.

This verse is saying: "The whole year circled (crowned) the seed being sown, the earth watered, the springing of it blessed, the year is crowned with a plentiful harvest: (Bible Study Tools)

This may denote the acceptable year of the lord, the year of the redeemed, the whole gospel dispensation "...Jeremiah 32:40 NIV says, "I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me."

"In certain seasons and periods of which there have been great gathering of souls to Christ; at the first of its multitudes were converted in Judea, and in the Gentile world, which were the first fruits of the Spirit; and the latter day there will be a large harvest, when the Jews will be converted, and the fulness of the Gentiles brought in" (Bible Study tools)

Vs 12 They drop on the pastures of the wilderness, And the little hills rejoice on every side.

They drop *on* the pastures of the wilderness: The ploughed land turned into fruitful field.

This "may denote the Gentile (non-Jewish/us) world, whether the Gospel was sent by Christ, and preached by his Apostles, and whose doctrine dropped as the rain, and prospered to the things where they were sent.

The Targum an Aramaic translation or paraphrased a portion of the OT noted, "the little hills rejoice on every side with grass, herbs and trees; these may denote the churches of Christ.

Psalms 14:7 CEB says "Let Israel's salvation come out of Zion! When the LORD changes his people's circumstances for the better, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will celebrate!" (Bible Study tools)

Vs 13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; The valleys also are covered with grain; They shout for joy, they also sing.

This may "intend the multitudes of converts...expressive of joy that will be among men in the latter day." (Bible Study tools)

Lastly, consider this:

Make a list of five things God has provided for you in the past week or year, and go to God and praise Him for those blessings. Thank Him for his faithfulness, mercy and love.

Our God can always be trusted. He never fails, never forgets, never falters. He always keeps his word.

Amen

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