

Weekly Lesson Theme: God Deserves Our Thanks

Lesson Scriptures: Psalm 65:1-13

Key Lesson Theme: "God Deserves Our Thanks"

Today's Lesson: Thursday, November 23

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Psalm 65:9-13

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly, enriching it greatly. God's stream is filled with water, for you prepare the earth in this way, providing people with grain.

10 You soften it with showers and bless its growth, soaking its furrows and leveling its ridges.

11 You crown the year with your goodness; your carts overflow with plenty.

12 The wilderness pastures overflow, and the hills are robed with joy.

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks and the valleys covered with grain. They shout in triumph; indeed, they sing.

Commentary

It is fitting that this psalm was used in worship in praise of the harvest. It is an acknowledgment that the blessing of harvest was attributed to the grace and power of God as well. Thus, it is said of Him: You visit the earth and water it abundantly, enriching it greatly. The source is God's stream which is filled with water. In the Old Testament, land was a symbol of great blessing.

People who lived in an arid land like that of ancient Israel would have a great appreciation for the imagery of a bountiful water supply that made the land abundantly productive.

Such productivity, richness, and beauty cause all nature to raise its voice in song. The hills are robed with joy. The pastures and valleys shout in

triumph; indeed, they sing praise and thanksgiving to God. And somewhere in the temple the voices of the worshipers are raised in harmony with them to exalt, celebrate, praise, and thank the One who made it all happen.

What are a few lasting lessons that come from Psalm 65:9-13?

- God is faithful to provide all that we need.
- We are to rejoice in His goodness to us.
- Praise and thank God for His goodness.

Until tomorrow Saints...
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