

## **Weekly Lesson Theme: God Deserves Our Thanks**

**Lesson Scriptures:** Psalm 65:1-13

**Key Lesson Theme:** "God Deserves Our Thanks"

**Today's Lesson:** Wednesday, November 22

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### **Psalm 65:5-8**

5 You answer us in righteousness, with awe-inspiring works, God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the distant seas.

6 You establish the mountains by your power; you are robed with strength.

7 You silence the roar of the seas, the roar of their waves, and the tumult of the nations.

8 Those who live far away are awed by your signs; you make east and west shout for joy.

### **Commentary**

By speaking about God's hearing prayers, forgiving sin, and inviting the faithful to commune with Him, the psalmists already affirmed the greatness and power of God. But there is more. Can we ever exhaust the list of things God has done, can do, or will do that can only be accomplished because He is the almighty God, great in His being and mighty in His power? Of course, the answer is no. Even so, the psalmist moved forward to give additional examples that testify to God's greatness and power.

A certain tension exists in any discussion of the awesomeness of God. Because of His unparalleled, almighty power, He is to be taken seriously as One of whom we have every right to be afraid. But because of His lavish, incomprehensible grace expressed in His willingness to forgive sin, and His kindness to answer us, He is to be loved and revered.

You establish the mountains by your power; you are robed with strength.  
You silence the roar of the seas, the roar of their waves. He even brings calm to the tumult of the nations. Each statement is a literal affirmation about God. Consider more. "Among his awesome and righteous deeds, God formed the mountains by his power. The mountains are a symbol of stability. He stilled the roaring of the seas. The sea is a symbol of chaos that is paralleled by the turmoil of the nations. Just as he stills the roaring seas, so he stills the turmoil of the nations. As a result, he is the source of all hope (v. 5c) and the focus of worship (v. 8c)." And we might add, individually and personally, He has restored peace and calm to many a life tossed about in despair.

### **What are a few lasting lessons that come from Psalm 65:5-8?**

- The God of our salvation responds to us with awesome power.
- The only hope for this world—all peoples and nations—is found in the saving grace of God.
- The same God who manifested His power in creation continues to manifest it as He works in guiding the course of this world toward the accomplishment of His holy purpose and the coming of His kingdom.

Until tomorrow Saints...  
Every day is Sunday