

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

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

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

**Today's Lesson:** Friday, November 24

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### **Psalm 65:1-13**

- 1 Praise is rightfully yours, God, in Zion; vows to you will be fulfilled.
- 2 All humanity will come to you, the one who hears prayer.
- 3 Iniquities overwhelm me; only you can atone for our rebellions.
- 4 How happy is the one you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We will be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple.
- 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.
- 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.

## **Live It Out**

Thanksgiving in America has been celebrated off and on since President George Washington first issued a proclamation in 1789 calling for a day of “public thanksgiving and prayer.” Thanksgiving Day became a federal holiday by an act of Congress in 1870. In 1942, Congress established the fourth Thursday of November as the permanent date for the holiday.

What was originally intended to be a National Day of Thanksgiving and prayer has evolved into a day of festivity, family, food, and football. It also has become the opening of the Christmas season. Perhaps in general thanksgiving and prayer have taken a “back seat” to all these other things. That is not to say those things are bad; it is to say they do not equate to voicing gratitude to God who in His providence has caused us to prosper.

Nationally, Thanksgiving is a holiday, but for people of faith in God, thanksgiving is an attitude, a commitment, and an ongoing practice. We do not—at least should not—require a proclamation, a day, or a holiday to give God the thanks He deserves.

## **Digging Deeper**

*Reassess your Thanksgiving Day. You have so much to thank God for, don't you?*

*Thank God for the forgiveness of sin and salvation that enables us to dwell in His presence.*

*Thank God for a specific way He worked powerfully to bring relief in a stormy time of your life.*

*Thank God for all the ways He has provided for you, your family, your church, the community, and the nation.*

*What song can you sing to express praise and thanksgiving to the God who is worthy?*

Until next week Saints.....  
Every day is Sunday