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Title: Terrible—God Fearing Men

Text: Psalm 65:1-13

INTRODUCTION: Psalm 65—*🡪A Hymn of Harvest, A Psalm of Thanksgiving*

**Hymn of Thanksgiving---**A Thanksgiving Psalm

Inspired for the Ocassion for Prayer, Commitment to vows, thanksgiving and rejoicing.

Prayer for God to break the boundries of the Gentiles to be called and chosen to the Gospel and the benefits which flow from it. The Psalmist prays particularly that God would continue his former kindness to the Jewish people

1. **1 *Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.***

We do not just make noise, speak words, vain repetition, but wait for inspiration from God!

1. ***2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.***

God inspires prayer. The fact that he HEARS us, encourages our prayer!

This is an awe-inspiring psalm. God is an awe-inspiring God! God’s Word inspires our heart, to teach us to pray. We don’t even know how to pray as we ought. (Rom. 8:26)

If in our life we win ONE soul, we have won more value than someone who has ‘won’ all the riches of the world. This psalm is historical **and** prophetic!

Matthew 7:7,8—7 ¶ *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.*

Mark 11:22-24—22 *And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.* 23 *For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.* 24 *Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

1. ***3 Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them******away.***

Jesus is the Savior! Call His name JESUS! God inspires a word in our heart that teaches us He is the Savior.

We are weak and shy away when we are not close to the Lord

1. ***4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.***

Having a God-inspired testimony.

*Ge 26:12 ¶ Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.*

*Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

*11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*

*12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.*

*14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

*1Pe 2:9 But ye are a* ***chosen*** *generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: {peculiar: or, purchased} {praises: or, virtues}*

1. ***5—By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:***

*(****A Record Harvest****)*

*2.* ***“all flesh come”***

*5. “of all the ends of the earth--- of them that are afar off upon the sea”*

*8 “They also that dwell in the uttermost parts”*

We have no fear when praying for He will answer us.

Acts 1:8—Psalm 65:2,5 All flesh to come…all the ends of the earth… PROVISION IS MADE FOR ALL TO COME.

1. ***6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:***

God gave strength, deliverance in the midst of hardship.

Deuteronomy 26:8—And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:

That terribleness can be seen again in our lives, if we BELIEVE Him.

I Chr. 17:21

Ps 99:3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.

Isa. 64:3

Psalm 45:4,5

TRUTH, MEEKNESS, RIGHTEOUSNESS, What HE does IN US and not merely desiring to do “great things.” (Matthew 7:22)

2Co 6:7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

Col. 1:5—by the word of the truth…

2Ti 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

1. ***7 Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.***

*God's power and providence governs every part and person of the earth.*

*God is Sovereign over all the operation of sea and land. Hurricanes, Tornadoes, floods, Earthquakes are under His control: so are the seas; all storms and tempests and troubled seas are stilled.*

*Even “****the tumult of the people”***

*A headstrong multitude is under his councel; for thou stillest the madness of the people.*

1. *8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice. 9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it. 10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof. 11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. 12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills* ***rejoice on every side****. {rejoice...: Heb. are* ***girded with joy****} 13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.*

Instances of the Divine goodness produce worship, —

1. Psalm 65:1-*Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.*

Praise is as simple as raising your hand

Praise is wonderful-full of wonder

Praise is worship

Praise is work (sacrifice)

Praise is warfare- (filled with praise of His terribleness) Make us Soldiers

De 26:8—*And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:*

1Ch 17:21—*And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt?*

De 10:21—*He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.*

Ps 99:3*—Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.*

Isaiah 64:3*—When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.*

*Praise is remembered*

*Praise is recorded*

*Praise is rewarded*

1. Praise waits as a bold faithful servant, an ambassador waiting for orders at the throne of Grace—
2. Praise is humble and obedient gratitude.
3. Praise attends the Lord's pleasure, and continues to bless him, whether he shows tokens of present favour or no;
4. Praise is not wearied at His terrible acts, but praise works all through the night songs in sure hope that the morning cometh. We shall continue to work on, tuning our harps, amid the tears; but O what harmonies will those be which we will pour forth, when the fulfillment of the promise is received, and the King appears in his glory.

*Heb 12:21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)*

2Cor. 5:11*—Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.*

1Peter 3:14*—But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;*

Psalm 65:1—*Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.*

A vow kept is like a shining sharp sword sheathed

A vow kept in obedience to the Will of God will clear the conscience

A vow unkept will burn the conscience like a hot iron.

Making a vow is as simple as raising a sword.

Keeping a vow will be a hard fought battle

Vows of service, of sacrifice, of donation, of praise, or whatever they may be, are no trifles; and in the day of grateful praise they should, without fail, be fulfilled to the utmost of faith with power.

Acts 6:8—*And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.*

1Cor. 2:5—*That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*

Job 37:22*—Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God is terrible majesty.*

Romans 1:18*—****For the wrath of God is revealed*** *from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

*19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.*

1. *6—Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains;* ***being girded with power****:*
   1. the powerful defense extended to their land,
2. *12—They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills* ***rejoice on every side****. {rejoice...: Heb. are* ***girded with joy****}*
   1. the enriching of it with so many blessings.

Ps 45:4*—And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. 5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee.*

2Co6:7—*By the word of truth*, *by the power of God*, *by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left*, 1Peter 1:5—*Who are kept* ***by the power of God*** *through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

Col 1:5—*For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in* ***the word of the truth*** *of the gospel;*

2Timothy 4:8—*Henceforth there is laid up for me a* ***crown of righteousness****, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

Col 3:22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

Ps 62:1*—Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.*

**Prayer** is simple as opening your mouth.

Prayer is the hardest work you will ever properly perform consistently.

Prayer is battle, warfare, hardship (fighting against the weaknesses of your flesh) not just fighting the wickedness of the world around you, thinking your weakness is not as bad as their wickedness.

Prayer abomination

Pr 15:8—*The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.*

Pr 28:9*—He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.*

Psalm 66:18*—If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:*

Isaiah 1:15*—And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.*

Prov. 1:27*—When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.*

*28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:*

*29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:*

*30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.*

*31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.*

*Pr 1:32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.*

*33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.*

*Exodus 14:30—Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.*

*31—And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.*

* They trembled as they rejoiced
* They trembled then they rejoiced

Jas 1:2 ¶ My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

Jas 1:9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:

Jas 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Ps 65:5—*By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:*

*“By terrible things in righteousness”*

* By glorious operations of his power
* By things which strike an awe upon us

Es 8:3—*And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews.*

Es 8:16*—The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour.*

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.