

# Psalm 65

**Psalms 65:1-3** [New King James] *“Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion; and to You the vow shall be performed. O You who hear prayer, to You all flesh will come. Iniquities prevail against me; as for our transgressions, You will provide atonement for them.”*

**The vows in the Old Testament were not techniques of putting pressure on God or driving a bargain with Him.**

**They were a recognition that prayer for His blessings must go hand-in-hand with consecration, that thanks giving can never be merely verbal and must receive concrete expression in lives and goods.**

Thus praise and vows are constantly due to the Creator God.

The mention of vows, and of answered prayers in the context of sin and forgiveness, that is God’s grace, suggests that this Psalm is a celebration of a renewal of a relationship with the Creator God.

**Romans 12:1** [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship.”*

**This is a true active vow that all Christians should make as a response to God’s mercy, His grace in the forgiving of our sins through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.**

**We are to reflect this sacrifice of Jesus Christ in our own lives by making and fulfilling of this vow.**

The Greek word translated “bodies” is “soma” which means the whole life, physical body, mind and human spirit, [**Job 32:8; 1 Corinthians 2:11; Proverbs 20:27**].

**Only then can the Holy Spirit re-educate us into becoming a being that a Holy God can give eternal life in an intimate relationship with Him, [**Romans 12:2; Galatians 5:22-25**].**

**Luke 14:25-33** [New King James] *“Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ‘If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it, lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, “This man began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.”*

**To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is a full-time job, not just one hour a week in a certain building called a church.** As we have just read in Romans, Jesus Christ is asking for us to make and fulfil a vow to show our gratitude for what He has done for all humanity.

**Psalms 65:4** [New King James] *“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.”*

**All who have taken the course in life explained above will be satisfied completely, mentally and spiritually, by being in the presence of the Triune God, through the active presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.**

**Psalms 65:5-13** [New King James] *“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; Who established the mountains by His strength, being clothed with power; You who still the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples. They also who dwell in the farthest parts are afraid of Your signs; You make the outgoings of the morning and evening rejoice. 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. You water its ridges abundantly, You settle its furrows; You make it soft with showers, You bless its growth. You crown the year with Your goodness, and Your paths drip with abundance. They drop on the pastures of the wilderness, and the little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered with grain; they shout for joy, they also sing.”*

This Psalm could well be a Psalm of praise at any of the festivals of the people of God during the year, from the spring festivals of Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread to the autumn festivals of Atonement and Tabernacles, showing the year-long bountiful blessing from our Creator God.

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It seems that the whole landscape has turned out in its best clothes to sing praises to the great Creator God.

**Romans 1:18-20** [New King James] *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,”*

**The Creator God has given us this wonderful natural world in which to live so that it will point our minds and hearts towards Him.**

**Satan has sought to hide such a powerful witness from the greater part of humanity by cramming them in towns and cities as far away as possible from the countryside that cries out aloud of a loving Creator God.**

**All of this will be reversed in the World Tomorrow after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.**

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