

*A Blueprint for Worship and Thanksgiving*  
*Psalm 65:1-13*

Most of our praying is forward \_\_\_\_\_, asking God to do \_\_\_\_\_. In Psalm 65 David looks back to the bounty God has already provided and he looks forward, not to ask for more, but to the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

David says, “Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion.” He imagines people of God gathering in God’s stadium, the \_\_\_\_\_, to fulfill their \_\_\_\_\_ to worship. They wait until a sense of the Shekinah glory of God filled the place and the people of God lift their voices in spontaneous, unbridled \_\_\_\_\_. The Bible is providing a \_\_\_\_\_ of worship for us as well.

The principal reason for the explosion of praise David expects from the God’s people is that God \_\_\_\_\_. He then recounts 3 areas of life in which God has answered prayer: regarding the personal, spiritual struggle with \_\_\_\_\_, regarding the state of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ in which they live, and regarding God’s \_\_\_\_\_ provision.

The Psalm concludes with the theme of God’s physical provision for His people. He focuses on \_\_\_\_\_—rain that produces an abundance of \_\_\_\_\_ and provides sustenance for the \_\_\_\_\_ which then feed the people. Water. Regular, simple, unremarkable. Or is it?

The 2<sup>nd</sup> answer to prayer David thanks God for is God’s control over the \_\_\_\_\_. For David, God is in control. Like him, we can look anticipate the fulfillment of Rev. 11:15 where “The kingdom of the \_\_\_\_\_ has become the kingdom of our \_\_\_\_\_ and of his \_\_\_\_\_, and he will \_\_\_\_\_ for ever and ever.”

The 1<sup>st</sup> answer to prayer David thanks God for is His response to the personal, spiritual struggle of us all—being overwhelmed by sin. God has provided a means of \_\_\_\_\_ so that we might be brought near to God. Jesus, the perfect, sinless Son of God, offered Himself as a sacrifice to be our \_\_\_\_\_ and atone for the sin of anyone who would receive Him as \_\_\_\_\_ Lamb and their Lord.