

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Summer in the Psalms: Awe

Psalms 65 (NIV)

¹Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;
to you our vows will be fulfilled.

²You who answer prayer,
to you all people will come.

³When we were overwhelmed by sins,
you forgave our transgressions.

⁴Blessed are those you choose
and bring near to live in your courts!

We are filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple.

⁵You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,
God our Savior,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,

⁶who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,

⁷who stilled the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.

⁸The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.

⁹You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.

¹⁰You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.

¹²The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.

¹³The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.

1. God of Grace

When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. v.3

"The ultimate test of our spirituality is the measure of our amazement at the grace of God." Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

2. God of Might

The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy. v.8

"Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A man is powerful on his knees." Corrie Ten Boom

3. God of Plenty

The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing. v.13

"Since the days of Pentecost, has the whole church ever put aside every other work and waited upon Him for ten days, that the Spirit's power might be manifested? We give too much attention to method and machinery and resources, and too little to the source of power." Hudson Taylor

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