
SERMON OUTLINE

The Difference Praise Makes

Psalm 65

- I. God is awaiting the praise He deserves (65:1).
 - Are we known for praising or complaining (Philippians 2:14-15)?
- II. For His Love: Those who praise God enjoy God (65:2-4).
 - A. They experience answers to prayer (2).
 - B. They enjoy God's forgiveness (3).
 - C. They enjoy the privilege of knowing God personally (4).
- III. For His Power: Those who praise God see Him at work everywhere (65:5-8).
 - A. They see God working in their lives and others (5).
 - B. They enjoy God's amazing power in creation (6-7).
 - C. Everyone around the world sees God's power daily in the sunrises and sunsets (8).
- IV. For His Provision: Those who praise God are grateful for what they have (65:9-13).
 - A. God created and cares for the earth to provide all we need (9-11).
 - God blesses His earth with His food so we can eat ("streams of God, your bounty, your carts").
 - Stewardship principle – God owns everything, but lets us enjoy and use it (Psalm 24:1).
 - Gratitude principle – God deserves our thanks for food, and everything else (Matthew 15:36; 1 Timothy 4:3-5).
 - Contentment principle – We must praise God for basic essentials (1 Timothy 6:7-9).
 - B. Creation's generous provision declares God's praise (12-13).

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