

Daily Encouragement from Gordon – Monday 1st June

Psalm 65

After several Psalms situated in the troubles of David's life, we now have four that are called 'a song'. This one is focused on praising our great God.

We are '[Coming back to the heart of worship - and it's all about you, Lord](#)'

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

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

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

4 Blessed 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.

Zion, courts, and temple are all pictures of being in the presence of the King, the Lord. He forgave our sin, welcomes us into his holy place, hears our prayer and delights in our praise. We are blessed indeed.

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

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

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

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

While we gasp in awe at his sovereign holiness and might, we approach him as our loving Saviour.

The greatness of God is a joy for those who know him.

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

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

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

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

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

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

I take this as just one pointer to God's power and love. In the natural world we see the fingerprints of the creator. Some seem to worship the creation itself, but we lift our eyes to the one who made it all. He is the one to praise.

[How great thou art](#) captures this delight in God's world, and especially the price Jesus paid to be able to offer forgiveness to us.

Sing His song today

Gordon

When the music fades,
all is stripped away
and I simply come;
longing just to bring
something that's of worth,
that will bless Your heart.
I'll bring You more than a song,
for a song in itself
is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within
through the way things appear,
You're looking into my heart.

*I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
and it's all about You,
all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord,
for the thing I've made it,
when it's all about You,
all about You, Jesus.*

King of endless worth,
no one could express
how much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor,
all I have is Yours,
ev'ry single breath.
I'll bring You more than a song,
for a song in itself
is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within
through the way things appear,
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart...

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