

Mighty Praise To God!

At our house, in the early mornings before the noise of the day crowds in, we read the day's portion of the "One Year Bible." That has proven to be much more motivating and inspirational than we imagined it could be, since we've been reading the Bible for most of our 70+ years. There is a certain foot-dragging, as in "Not again!"

Well, yes, again. And the format of the "One Year Bible" has made the difference. It divides the daily readings so that there is a portion of Old Testament, of New Testament, of Psalms, and of Proverbs. This helps when you bog down in sections of the Old Testament that are hard to stay awake for:

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

Galatians 5:13

genealogies, census numbers, and religious rules that have been superceded by Jesus' Mission of fulfilling the Old Testament rules and laws by becoming the sacrificial Lamb and taking our punishment on Himself.

It surprises us how often the particular combination of the four sections of Bible work together to shed light on the current situations in our daily lives, and also how the four sections relate to each other. It is how we get inspired to read it again, for the first time. (That's from an old but brilliant Kellogg's Corn Flakes commercial, that used the tag line, "Taste them again, for the first time.") We think we've read it 100 times before, but this time through, it hits us anew, with fresh inspiration and relevance.

The Psalm below, Psalm 65, was in the reading for Sunday, March 22, and I chose it for my sharing in our Sunday morning meeting. Interestingly, Sir William Lembright also chose it for his reading, so we shared our different perspectives on it.

I hope you can also "read it again, for the first time." Read it aloud a couple of times. Savor the words and the images. Picture them in your mind.

Receive what God's Spirit has for you as you read it.

Psalm 65 (NLT)

What mighty praise, O God, belongs to you in Zion.

We will fulfill our vows to you, for you answer our prayers.

All of us must come to you.

Though we are overwhelmed by our sins, you forgive them all.

What joy for those you choose to bring near, those who live in your holy courts.

What festivities await us inside your holy Temple.

You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds, O God our savior.

You are the hope of everyone on earth, even those who sail on distant seas.

You formed the mountains by your power and armed yourself with mighty strength.

You quieted the raging oceans with their pounding waves and silenced the shouting of the nations.

Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of your wonders.

From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy. You take care of the earth and water it,

making it rich and fertile.

The river of God has plenty of water; it provides a bountiful harvest of grain, for you have ordered it so.

You drench the plowed ground with rain, melting the clods and leveling the ridges.

You soften the earth with showers



and bless its abundant crops.

You crown the year with a bountiful harvest;

even the hard pathways overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the wilderness become a lush pasture,

and the hillsides blossom with joy.

The meadows are clothed with flocks of sheep,

and the valleys are carpeted with grain.

They all shout and sing for joy!

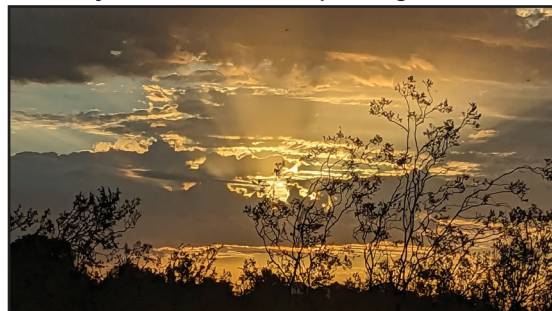
Here are a few footnotes of my responses to the Psalm:

Do you not feel overwhelmed by your sins at times, even if, especially if, you're a "good person"? Do you trust that God HAS forgiven those sins? I have trouble with that, God forgive me.

If your eyes are open and your spirits centered on God, you will see how many awesome deeds He does for you and around you.

This section starts the beautiful imagery of the world God created, and I believe, BEFORE the two in the Garden messed things up with their stubborn, willful disobedience. Those of us who are blessed to live in Lucerne Valley get to witness the theater of sunrises, sunsets, cloud formations, and the play of light among them. Yes, I want to shout for joy at that!

This year, we had a couple of good rains a



little later in winter than usual, resulting in green carpets and wildflowers and Joshua Tree blossoms all over the place. You don't get to see that down in the city!

The Psalm must have been written at a time when King David felt at peace, and it was one of those beautiful spring mornings that inspire such joyous thoughts. What David describes is so ideal, so unrelated to the raw and ugly realities of this fallen world, that it seems it must be describing what it looked like in the Garden of Eden. And/or it describes the new heaven and the new earth that we can look forward to when we get to be with our Father in eternity.

I can't wait for the time when the wrongs are righted, the warring and bloodshed finished, justice reestablished, and suffering and death done forever. It's coming. Be sure you're on board with God, 'cause that time is SOON.

Linda Gommel

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