



How To Celebrate Thanksgiving This Year

Psalm 65:1-13

#24 in a series on the Psalms

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Praise God For ...

His Grace Of Forgiveness And Fellowship.

1. The grace of His forgiveness.

(1-3; cf. 32:1-2; 51:1-4; 79:9; 86:5; 130:4; Luke 5:17-26; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:8; Colossians 2:13-14; 1 Peter 1:19; 1 John 1:8-10)

2. The grace of His fellowship.

(4; cf. 4:3; 16:11; 23:6; 36:8-9; 41:12; 84:1-4, 10; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 John 1:3)

His Power Of Creating And Controlling Our World.

1. His creating power.

(6; cf. 95:4-5; 115:15; 146:6; Genesis 1:9-10; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; Revelation 14:6-7)

2. His controlling power.

(5-8; cf. 2:1; 45:3-4; 66:3, 5; 74:23; 89:9; 107:29; 145:6; Matthew 8:23-27; Colossians 1:17)

His Blessing Of Abundant And Beautiful Productivity.

1. Abundant productivity.

(9-13; cf. 98:7-8; 104:13-17; 144:12-15; 147:9, 14; Isaiah 41:17-20; 55:12)

2. Beautiful productivity.

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In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Thanksgiving Day. Whatever the activities of your day, make sure you take time to thank and praise God for His grace of forgiveness and fellowship, power of creating and controlling our world and blessing it and us with abundant and beautiful productivity.

Tuesday. King David praised God for His grace. Read verses 1-4. Now read Psalms 32 and 51 for another perspective of his experience. Does God's grace of forgiving you of your sins and satisfying you by His presence become routine at times? Think through His grace to you over this past year and then thank and praise Him.

Wednesday. David also praised God for His sovereign power in creating and controlling our world (see verses 6-8). While we can easily say "Yes, God created the world," we can also easily say, "It seems that the world is out of control." Review the familiar account of Jesus and the disciples in Matthew 8:23-26, remembering that He has not changed, that He holds our world and universe together (Colossians 1:17). Look for and make a list of evidence of God's controlling power today for the next week. Thank and praise God the Creator for being in control.

Thursday. King David concludes the Psalm with a beautiful and magnificent picture of God's blessing the world with abundant productivity (verses 9-13). At times we may think about what we don't have in any area of life from the weather to wealth, from our relationship with others to our relationship with God. Look within and around you today. Thank and praise God for His abundant and beautiful blessings.

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at Psalm 32 and 51. Read and think through these Psalms as you prepare for our time of worship together.

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