

WORD

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance. **PSALM 65:11**

(Read also **PSALM 65**.)

Psalms 65 is a song of thanksgiving to God. It gives a powerful picture of God's generosity: God crowns the year with provision, setting it apart as special. It also describes how *wagon tracks overflow with abundance*. Imagine a full and overflowing wagon going from the farm to the market. It's so full that the vegetables and produce are overflowing into the streets, filling the tracks behind it. This is what God's generosity looks like. Here, we will look at three of the many gifts God is generous with.

1 Salvation

³When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. ⁴Blessed is the one you choose and bring near . . . **PSALM 65:3,4**

David knew what it felt like to struggle with and fall into sin. However, the focus of his prayer is not on the *iniquities* or sins. Instead, David thanked God for His salvation—that He atones for, or makes up for, our sins. More than that, God also chooses us and brings us close to Him. Describe how you got saved and understood the free gift of eternal life He offers us.

2 Peace

⁶. . . *the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might;* ⁷*who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples . . .*

PSALM 65:6,7

The words *established* and *stills* talk about the way God gives His people peace. Imagine how solid and immovable the mountains are. Imagine a calm sea, or an orderly crowd of people. God establishes the mountains in their places, and *stills* the waves and the people. This God who saves us and draws us near to Him is also generous with His peace. This peace is found as we trust God more and find our stability and security in Him. How have you learned to trust God more and experience the peace described in this verse?

3 Blessing

⁹*You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it . . .* ¹¹*You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.*

PSALM 65:9,11

God saves us and gives us peace because He loves us. God does not just drop His blessings on His people whenever He thinks of it or remembers to. He prepares blessings for us with excitement and joy, like a father does for his children. King David and the entire nation celebrated God's generous blessings in this song. We see that when God blesses His children, He pours the blessings out to overflowing. How can we claim Psalm 65:11 over our lives this new year?

APPLICATION

- How can you give thanks to the Lord for His generosity this new year?
- Do you believe God is generous in salvation, peace, and blessing? In what area do you need to trust God's generosity this week?
- How can you be generous towards others this week?

PRAYER

- Give thanks to God for His generosity, which is evident in His salvation, peace, and blessing.
- Ask God to help you step out in faith according to His Word.
- Pray that you will be generous to those around you.



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