

Scripture

Psalm 65 (NLT)

For the choir director: A song. A psalm of David.

- 1 What mighty praise, O God,
belongs to you in Zion.
We will fulfill our vows to you,
- 2 for you answer our prayers.
All of us must come to you.
- 3 Though we are overwhelmed by our sins,
you forgive them all.
- 4 What joy for those you choose to bring near,
those who live in your holy courts.

What festivities await us
inside your holy Temple.

- 5 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.
- 6 You formed the mountains by your power
and armed yourself with mighty strength.
- 7 You quieted the raging oceans
with their pounding waves
and silenced the shouting of the nations.

- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 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

- 11 You crown the year with a bountiful harvest;
even the hard pathways overflow with
abundance.
- 12 The grasslands of the wilderness become
a lush pasture,
and the hillsides blossom with joy.
- 13 The meadows are clothed with flocks of
Sheep, and the valleys are carpeted
with grain.
They all shout and sing for joy!