

Family preparation for congregational worship on August 13, 2017

Our Scripture-Psalm 65 (ESV): Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. 2 O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. 3 When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. 4 Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple! 5 By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; 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, 8 so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy. 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. 10 You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. 11 You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance. 12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, 13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Discuss:

1. What character traits of the LORD, does the writer of this Psalm praise? (v.1-13)
2. What gift does God give to His people? (v.3).
3. How does God bring order to this world? (vv.5-8).

Prayer: Praise the Lord that He has warned us of the consequences of sin. Praise the Lord that He has given us a way of escape from sin. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for a humble and submissive attitude. Pray for the renewing of your mind. Pray for Isaac & Bethany Ledford as they minister to college students in the twin cities. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize: (August) *Be watchful, stand firm, act like men, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13 (esv)*

Music:

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

*In loving kindness Jesus came, My soul in mercy to reclaim;
And from the depths of sin and shame, through grace He lifted me.*

*From sinking sand He lifted me, with tender hand He lifted me;
From shades of night to planes of light, O praise His name, He lifted me!*

*He called me long before I heard, Before my sinful heart was stirred;
But when I took Him at His word, forgiven, He lifted me.*

*From sinking sand He lifted me, with tender hand He lifted me;
From shades of night to planes of light, O praise His name, He lifted me!*

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