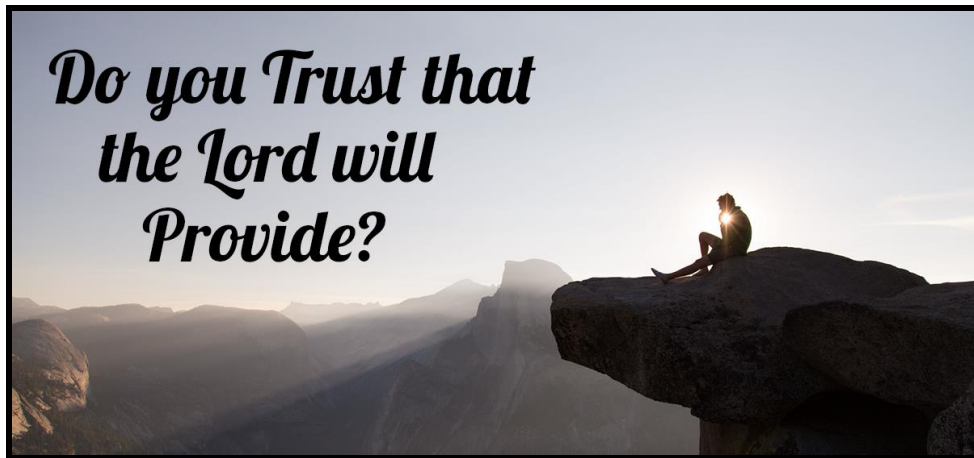


WINTER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016-2017
THEME: CREATION AND SALVATION
UNIT TWO – ALL CREATION PRAISES GOD

“LET US PRAISE JEHOVAH-JIREH”



Sunday School Lesson No. VII – January 15, 2017
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Lesson Text: Psalm 65:1-13

Motto Text: Psalm 65:9, *“Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.”*

Required Reading: Psalm 65:1-13

Reliable Resources: The John Phillips Commentary Series; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; The Treasury of David by C. H. Spurgeon; Standard Lesson Commentary; Understanding the 66 Books of the Bible by Dr. David Jeremiah; Precepts for Living (UMI); Word Search 10 Electronic Library; Bible Exposition Commentary

LESSON INTRODUCTION

Who gets excited over a slice of bread or a cup of coffee? More than likely these things in everyday America are taken for granted, because we have so much available to us. But people like myself who lived through Hurricane Katrina in 2005 have come to appreciate every good thing and know that all our help truly comes from the Lord!

Beloved, the lesson of the Psalmist in Psalm 65 brings an eye-opening respect for our Lord! I stand as the Psalmist David and all who look to Jehovah as their help and hope. This week I entitle the lesson **“Let Us Praise Jehovah-Jireh.”** This name and title of the one true God was spoken from the lips of Abraham when he was called upon by Jehovah to sacrifice his promised son Isaac on Mt. Moriah (Gen. 22). When all things looked hopeless to save his son, Abraham heard the voice of God that ordered him not to sacrifice Isaac and an animal was provided by God to substitute on Isaac’s behalf. It was then that Abraham called the place Jehovah-Jireh, which means, *“The Lord Will Provide.”* Gen. 22:14

Now, according to Precepts for Living by UMI, Psalm 65 “...Could have been sung during the Feast of Unleavened Bread and also at Rosh Hashanah, both indicating God’s blessings year-round. However, Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year), would more likely be the theme around which the Psalm was written. The festival celebrated the beginning of the year and resonates with the words of verse 11. The harvest festival was a time when people found forgiveness of their sins and offered a tribute to God in appreciation of the harvest of that year.”

According to the Bible Exposition Commentary, “This is the first of four psalms (Pss. 65-68) that focus on praising the Lord for His manifold blessings in nature and for His gracious dealings with His people. He is the God of creation and the God of the Covenant. The Psalm acknowledges our total dependence on the Lord to provide both our spiritual and material needs.” Therefore, I entitle the lesson **“Let Us Praise Jehovah-Jireh!”**

Anticipated Power Points are taken from The Outline Bible by Dr. H. L. Willmington:

- **“David Thanks God for His Redemptive Works. Psalm 65:1-5**
- **David Thanks God for His Creative Works. Psalm 65:6-13”**

Remember as one reads and studies this Psalm, the scope expands from Israel to the Gentiles and the world. God's great earthly Kingdom lies in view. Or literally, *"Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!"*

LESSON OUTLINE "Let Us Praise Jehovah-Jireh"

"I. David Thanks God for His Redemptive Works. Psalm 65:1-5

A. For Answering Prayer. (65:1-2, 5):

God answers prayers with awesome deeds."

Beloved, what is more awesome than to appear before Jehovah-Jireh and be speechless before His throne in Zion? The mountain on which sat the Throne of God is totally awesome! Dr. Warren Wiersbe describes *"waiteth."* We usually think of praise as taking the form of songs and verbal testimony to God's greatness, but silence is also a part of worship, and we must learn to wait quietly before the Lord.

"B. For forgiving sin (65:3) NLT

C. Imparting joy (65:4) NLT. Joy is found in God's holy Temple."

Psalm 84:10, *"For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."*

"II. David Thanks God for His Creative Works (65:6-13)

A. For forming the mountains.

Psalm 65:6 (NLT), *'You formed the mountains by your power and armed yourself with mighty strength.'* This demonstrates God's power.

B. For silencing the oceans."

Psalm 65:7 (NLT), *"You quieted the raging oceans with their pounding wave and silenced the shouting of the nations."* Note: Verse 7 demonstrates that as the seas are loud and boisterous, so are the nations, but Jehovah-Jireh silences the nations. Isaiah 42:6 tells us, *"I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles,"* And Isaiah 49:6 says, *"And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldst be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth."*

"C. For watering the earth (65:8-10): 'God makes the ground rich and fertile.'"

Verse 8 teaches us of God's peace and order. He brings nations under control from east to west. Like Jesus in the boat with His disciples, He need only speak *'Peace be still,'* and He brings peace to the nations. He is Jehovah-Jireh and worthy of all trust!

"D. For causing plants to grow (65:11-13 NLT): God brings forth bountiful harvests and lush pastures."

The Psalmist David truly sought to celebrate Jehovah-Jireh. And why? Because He is awesome above all that proclaim themselves as deity! He is the Lord who provides! The farmer calls Him Jehovah-Jireh! The shepherd calls Him Jehovah-Jireh! Paul wrote in Romans 8:21-22 that the very creation shall cry out to Jehovah-Jireh in the day of deliverance.

CLOSING

Beloved, let us praise Jehovah-Jireh for truly He and He alone is worthy to be praised! The hymn-writer wrote: *"We're blessed, We're blessed, We're blessed: We are blessed! We've shelter, clothing, health and strength, We are blessed! We're blessed, We're blessed, We're blessed: We are blessed, We don't deserve it and yet, We are blessed!"*

Let Us Praise Jehovah-Jireh!

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