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## **"How Can This Desert Drip with Abundance"**

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### **Devotion and Discussion Questions**

#### **Key Texts: Psalms 5, 35, 65, 125**

Life often feels like a wilderness—dry, empty, uncertain. But Psalm 65 shows us that when we are walking in *His tracks*, even the desert can drip with abundance. The psalmist describes a God who hears our groaning (Psalm 5), who fights for us when enemies rise up (Psalm 35), and who surrounds us like the mountains around Jerusalem (Psalm 125). Together these psalms remind us that God is not far from us in struggle—He is near, He surrounds us, and His paths drip with goodness even in barren places.

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#### **2. God Hears and Answers the Groaning (Psalm 5:1–3)**

David's cry in Psalm 5 isn't polished; it's groaning. The Hebrew word suggests the crackle of a flame, an inner turmoil that can't even form words. Isn't that how prayer feels sometimes? We don't even know what to say, but God hears our groaning. "*Hear my words, ADONAI, consider my groaning...my King and my God, for I pray to You.*" God is not distant—He bends His ear to our cry.

In the morning, the psalmist lays his case before God and watches like a guard in a watchtower, expecting an answer. That's the heart of faith—groaning becomes expectation. You might be in a season where your words feel weak, your prayers seem small, but God delights in hearing even your sighs. He is not a God who delights in wickedness but one who leads His people in righteousness and surrounds them with His favor.

#### **2. GOD SHIELDS AND SURROUNDS HIS PEOPLE (PSALMS 35:1–3; 125:1–2)**

When David felt surrounded by enemies, he prayed, "*ADONAI, oppose those who oppose me. Fight those who fight me.*" He pictured God taking up shield and buckler, surrounding him with protection. That's powerful imagery—a shield that covers the whole body, like God Himself rising between you and what threatens your soul.

Psalm 125 expands this image: "*Those who trust in ADONAI are like Mount Zion—it cannot be moved, but endures forever. As the mountains are around Jerusalem, so ADONAI is all around His people, both now and forever.*" You may feel pressed on every side, but you are encircled. Just as mountains ring the city, God Himself rings your life when you trust in HIM. The wilderness is not abandonment; it's where you discover His nearness.

#### **3. GOD TURNS THE WILDERNESS INTO ABUNDANCE (PSALM 65:12–13)**

Psalm 65 gives us one of the most surprising pictures: God's paths drip with fatness. Even when His tracks lead through the wilderness, the desert becomes a pasture. The

abundance doesn't come from the location—it comes from His presence. *“You crown the year with Your goodness, and Your wagon tracks drip with abundance.”*

That means your circumstances don't dictate your fruitfulness. If you are walking in His way, there will be abundance—even in unlikely places. The desert can become a place of joy, the dry season can drip with life, and the barren field can be clothed with flocks. That's the God we serve—the One who makes the wilderness sing.

## **CONCLUSION**

These psalms take us on a journey—from groaning to protection to abundance. God hears your cry, surrounds you with His shield, and leads you on paths that drip with goodness—even through the wilderness. The question is: Will you trust His leading? Will you believe that His presence is enough even when circumstances look dry?

Maybe you've been groaning in silence, thinking God hasn't heard you. Or maybe you feel pressed by enemies, circumstances, or fears that are too strong for you. Or maybe you feel stuck in a desert, convinced there's no abundance left in your life. Today, the Lord is calling you to trust Him again. He hears your groan, He surrounds your life, and He promises that even your wilderness can drip with abundance if you're walking in His tracks. Lay your concerns at His feet, let Him fight your fight, and step into His surrounding presence.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. What does Psalm 5 teach us about bringing even our groans to God in prayer?
2. How does the image of God as a shield and the mountains around Jerusalem encourage you in times of fear?
3. Where in your life have you felt like you are in a wilderness? How might God bring abundance there?
4. Why is it important to see abundance as tied to God's presence rather than circumstances?
5. How do these psalms together shape your understanding of God's protection and provision?

## **CLOSING PRAYER:**

Abba, we thank You that You hear our groaning, even when we don't have the words. We thank You that You surround us like the mountains surround Jerusalem, shielding us from what we cannot bear. And we thank You that Your paths drip with abundance, even when we walk through wilderness places. Tonight we surrender our fears, our battles, and our deserts to You. Fill us with Your presence. Let our dry places become pastures. Let our groans become shouts of joy.

In Yeshua's name, Amen.