



**Kingdom Songs**  
**The Joy of His People Now Living In the Kingdom**  
**Psalm 65**

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I don't know if you do this but there are those days when I talk to the Lord, I begin to imagine what it would be like to talk to him face to face in the Kingdom. What will it be like in the kingdom, what will the sounds be, the smells and everything else connected to a universe unlike the one we know, but one that has been redeemed and is in full communion with the Lord and the curse is gone.

If you have even set back and imagined what it would be like in heaven, join the club, David also did.



From Psalm 65 all the way through Psalm 68 we have songs of the Kingdom.

I understand why David spent time thinking on and meditating on the Kingdom of God, when you are running for your life, you look forward to that day where that will no longer be required. No more verbal warfare, no more people trying to obtain an advantage for no reason other than the exercise of power, no more of anything other than living in peace and communion with the Lord and enjoying His presence as well as fellowship with each other. That is where David's heart was and that is where mine goes from time to time as well.

The Kingdom of God is, in a certain and important sense, the grand central theme of all Holy Scripture. (McClain 1974, 4-5)

God created the heavens and the earth and chose to live with man in Eden. "Eden was God's home on earth. It was his residence. And where the King lives, his council meets." It was the headquarters, for a short time, of the Kingdom of God here on earth. (Heiser 2025, 54)

The understanding of the disciples about Messiah reflected what much of the nation believed at the time, that when Messiah came, He would immediately restore the Kingdom to Israel. Jesus had other plans more in alignment with the scriptures.

Acts 1:6-8

"So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.'" (ESV)

To a degree, they were indeed correct, their timing was way off. First comes the mission of reconciliation and redemption. "Surely the primary object of our faith must always be the One who is both Lord and Saviour; but as we contemplate Him and His manifold glories as revealed in the Word of God, we shall inescapably come sooner or later to the Kingdom of which He is the divine center. For it is in this Kingdom that the Father's eternal purpose in the incarnate Son shall be certainly and completely fulfilled. This reign of God arises out of His own sovereign nature, was reflected in the "dominion" bestowed by God upon the first Adam, was forfeited quickly by reason of the sin of man, has been restored judicially in the Last Adam, will be realized on earth in the final age of human history, and reaches out endlessly beyond history where we behold a throne which, as John explains, is "the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Rev. 22:3). (McClain 1974, 5)

David is looking forward to that Kingdom. Jesus reiterated the fact in His model prayer that that is still the goal of the Father, to live here on this planet with His people.

Matthew 6:9-15

"In this manner, therefore, pray: **Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.** Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (NKJV)

His Kingdom exists right now. We ignore its existence at our own peril.



Hebrews 1:1–4

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, **when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.**” (NKJV)

And when He returns, He returns as King.

Revelation 19:11–16

“Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and **he will rule them with a rod of iron.** He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, **King of kings and Lord of lords.**” (ESV)

Ezekiel 43:1–5

“Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing east. And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east. And the sound of his coming was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory. And the vision I saw was just like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and just like the vision that I had seen by the Chebar canal. **And I fell on my face. As the glory of the LORD entered the temple by the gate facing east, the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple.**” (ESV)

David is looking at the Kingdom and meditating on what life will be like. This tells us that it is okay to look forward to what God has for His people.

The problem we have is similar to David's, life tends to get in the way of doing this. So, join me as we spend some time meditating on our future, thanks to David.

Psalms 65:title–13

“For the music director. A Psalm of David. A Song. **There will be silence before You, and praise in Zion, God, And the vow will be fulfilled for You. You who hear prayer, To You all mankind comes.** Wrongdoings prevail against me; As for our offenses, You forgive them. **Blessed is the one You choose and allow to approach You; He will dwell in Your courtyards. We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple. By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness, God of our salvation, You who are the trust of all the ends of the earth and the farthest sea; Who establishes the mountains by His strength, Who is encircled with might; Who stills the roaring of the seas, The roaring of their waves, And the turmoil of the nations.** They who dwell at the ends of the earth stand in awe of Your signs; You make the sunrise and the sunset shout for joy. You visit the earth and cause it to overflow; You greatly enrich it; **The stream of God is full of water; You prepare their grain, for so You prepare the earth. You water its furrows abundantly, You settle its ridges, You soften it with showers, You bless its growth. You have crowned the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with fatness. The pastures of the wilderness drip, And the hills encircle themselves with rejoicing. The meadows are clothed with flocks And the valleys are covered with grain; They shout for joy, yes, they sing.**” (NASB 2020)



This is not the same as the Kingdom under Saul, David or Solomon. That shows us a picture of a rise and fall of Israel in a short time period. Solomon failed, and the Kingdom divided. “First, he multiplied military forces of a kind specifically forbidden in the law of God, gathering together “chariots and horsemen” and “horses brought out of Egypt” (1 Kings 10:26, 28). Second, Solomon “loved many foreign women,” and he had “seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines” (1 Kings 11:1, 3–4, ASV). Third, he piled up silver and gold, until the silver became common as stones in Jerusalem and even the vessels of his own house of Lebanon were ordered made of pure gold (1 Kings 10:21, 27). And so, along with all this great worldly power and wealth, there came moral deterioration and finally religious apostasy—“his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father” (1 Kings 11:4). (McClain 1974, 104-105)

This is not the Kingdom that David is looking at, he is looking into the future when the Kingdom of God is run by God. It is amazing that David is doing so and as he does, he is in the role of a prophet.

Psalm 65:1–2

“There will be silence before You, and praise in Zion, God, And the vow will be fulfilled for You. You who hear prayer, To You all mankind comes.” (NASB 2020)

When Jesus Christ returns, He will rule from the City of David, from Mount Zion, God Himself, as we saw in Ezekiel, will be in the Temple, but Jesus will rule from just a short distance away. It is an actual physical location in Jerusalem.

The picture is one of the King on His throne and all who are surrounding Him praising God. The Kingdom is now established; Jesus is on the throne.

There is silence before Him as well as overwhelming praise from the nation as they come together there in Jerusalem around the King. The oppression of the Beast has ended and those armies are destroyed. Just as the nation had prayed, their Messiah has returned and He is now the King. “The deliverance which it has experienced redounds to the acknowledgment of the God of its salvation among the most distant peoples; the beneficial results of Jahve’s interposition in the events transpiring in the world extend temporally as well as spiritually far beyond the bounds of Israel; it is therefore apparently the relief of Israel and of the peoples in general from the oppression of some worldly power that is referred to.” (Keil and Delitzsch 1996, 430) The Beast’s armies are defeated never to return, the oppression had ended, the Kingdom has finally begun, the King is on the throne and God Himself lives with the people in the Temple.

And now we see the beginning of the rule of the King. He hears the prayers of the people of the nations as well as Israel and He also hears those who come directly to Him there in Jerusalem with their requests. Prophecy is now fulfilled.

Generally we may say that Old Testament prophecy of the future Mediatorial Kingdom of God begins with a few scattered references in the Pentateuch; opens up clearly in the records of the historical kingdom, grows in volume and brilliance as the historical kingdom declines, and comes to its close in Malachi. (McClain 1974, 145-146)

David was looking forward to that day as he begins this psalm. The praise that is being heard there on Mount Zion is because of the mercy of God. All vows to the Lord are now completed.

He is on the throne and those who remain on the planet are coming to Him. After years of oppression and injustice, King Jesus is on the throne. Those remaining of the nations, “absolutely dependent, impotent in themselves and helpless, both collectively and individually, flee to Him as their final refuge and help.” (Keil and Delitzsch 1996, 431)



Micah described that day, as the Lord triumphs and takes His place on the throne, the nations respond.

Micah 7:16–19

“The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; they shall lay their hands on their mouths; their ears shall be deaf; they shall lick the dust like a serpent, like the crawling things of the earth; **they shall come trembling out of their strongholds; they shall turn in dread to the LORD our God, and they shall be in fear of you. Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.**” (ESV)

Psalms 65:3–4

“Wrongdoings prevail against me; As for our offenses, You forgive them. Blessed is the one You choose and allow to approach You; He will dwell in Your courtyards. We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.” (NASB 2020)

As David sees this future, there is also the realization that he, as well as all who approach the throne, are sinners. So, he confesses his sins and teaches others to do the same. David is aware of his sin, as well as the sin of the nation. Is he hinting at what Zechariah tells us that will drive the remnant to seek forgiveness for the sin of rejecting their Messiah the first time?

Zechariah 12:10–14

“Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. **They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died. The sorrow and mourning in Jerusalem on that day will be like the great mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddo. All Israel will mourn, each clan by itself, and with the husbands separate from their wives.** The clan of David will mourn alone, as will the clan of Nathan, the clan of Levi, and the clan of Shimei. Each of the surviving clans from Judah will mourn separately, and with the husbands separate from their wives.” (NLT)

As the remnant repents and mourns of their sin, they, like David, are restored and can approach the Lord. “A great national sin seems to have been the psalmist’s concern, and he was grateful for God’s forgiveness (cf. Rom. 5:1). Those whom God forgives can approach Him and experience His blessing—even in His earthly habitation (cf. Rom. 5:2; 2 Cor. 9:8).” (Constable 2003, Ps 65:3)

The one who is sitting there on the throne before them is the one who has personally taken care of their sin problem for them. Richard Phillips continues.

“The Bible is not a book that says what you must do to be accepted by God; rather, it tells the gospel of what God has done so that you might be accepted into his salvation. There is no greater reason to worship him by submitting your life to him in faith. Many Christians also need to be reminded that God is to be praised for his grace. Perhaps the reason why so many Christians live without joyful praise to God is that they forget that their sins no longer testify against them. If you have pledged your faith in Jesus Christ, God has made him the atonement to wash away your sin. You should always rejoice to know that your sins no longer stand between you and the delighted favor of God.” (Phillips 2019, 240)

And because of Jesus and what He did on the cross, the remnant as well as those of the nations who are standing before Him can not only approach Him, but live in His courtyards and there we discover everything we need for life and are indeed, satisfied.

God listens to us as we pray, as we ask Him to forgive our sin, He does so, because He listens to us as we pray. And because He listens to us as we pray, we are privileged to spend eternity living in His



courtyards. In others words, we live where God lives, that would be the New Jerusalem that we read about in Revelation 21.

Revelation 21:22–23

“I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light.” (NLT)

Charles Spurgeon tells us what we are seeing here, “this is heaped-up blessedness, vast beyond conception. But dwelling in the house we are treated as sons, for the servant abideth not in the house for ever, but the son abideth ever. Behold what manner of love and blessedness the Father has bestowed upon us that we may dwell in his house, and go no more out for ever. Happy men who dwell at home with God.” (Spurgeon n.d., 91)

1 John 3:1–3

**“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.** The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.** And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.” (ESV)

Four verses in and this is where David is now, living in the presence of God, sins forgiven, with the acceptance of the Lord. Spurgeon again clarifies.

To dwell in the courts of the Great King is to be ennobled; to dwell there for ever is to be emparadised: yet such is the portion of every man whom God has chosen and caused to approach unto him, though once his iniquities prevailed against him. (Spurgeon n.d., 91)

Psalms 65:5–7

**“By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness, God of our salvation,** You who are the trust of all the ends of the earth and the farthest sea; Who establishes the mountains by His strength, Who is encircled with might; Who stills the roaring of the seas, The roaring of their waves, And the turmoil of the nations.” (NASB 2020)

What David sees prophetically is this, the remnant, standing in worship before the Lord, along with those who remain of the nations. Just 3 ½ years earlier, the ultimate betrayal at the hands of the Beast as this no longer human thing walked into the Holy of Holies and demanded to be worshiped as God. The memories are still fresh. Jesus set the stage quoting from Daniel 9.

Matthew 24:15–22

“So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.” (ESV)

Revelation 12:14–17

“But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. But the earth



came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea." (ESV)

David sees them all stranding and worshipping before the Lord, but the judgment has been severe and many who began the day with them 3 ½ years ago are no longer with them. David sees them and the nations standing before the Lord and worshipping.

And what we see here in verse 5 is how God has answered the prayers of the remnant of Israel. We see "the thanks is for Yahweh's mighty intervention in powerful ways that have given victory and liberation. And this action of Yahweh is in response to the cries of Israel, "Thou dost answer." Israel knows that such intervention is not automatic in the course of history. The outcome of the conversation is always open in the exchange of "cry and answer." The psalm is the speech of a liberated people. (Brueggemann 1984, 135-136)

God didn't just only answer their prayers; He came and personally delivered His people from the treat of extinction provided by the Beast. Our text uses the terms "awesome deeds," that is not even close to the reality of what has just taken place in the past few days to where His people are now as David writes.

God's people as one has confessed of their sin and asked their Messiah to save them, and He has returned to earth to do so. First He goes to where they are in hiding, near Bozrah.

Isaiah 34:6–8

"The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, It drips with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, With the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, And a great slaughter in the land of Edom. Wild oxen will also fall with them And young bulls with strong ones; So their land will be soaked with blood, And their dust become greasy with fat. For the LORD has a day of vengeance, A year of retribution for the cause of Zion." (NASB 2020)

Then He moves on to Jerusalem.

Isaiah 63:1–4

"Who is this who comes from Edom, With garments of glowing colors from Bozrah, This One who is majestic in His apparel, Marching in the greatness of His strength? "It is I, the One who speaks in righteousness, mighty to save." Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the wine press? "I have trodden the wine trough alone, And from the peoples there was no one with Me. I also trod them in My anger And trampled them in My wrath; And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments, And I stained all My clothes. "For the day of vengeance was in My heart, And My year of redemption has come." (NASB 2020)

Zechariah 14:3–5

"Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. On that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west forming a very large valley. Half of the mountain will move toward the north, and the other half toward the south. And you will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!" (NASB 2020)



#### Revelation 19:11–21

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written: “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in midheaven, “Come, assemble for the great feast of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, both free and slaves, and small and great.” And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse, and against His army. And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.” (NASB 2020)

All of that, and much more as well, all taking place at the end of the age and here confined to the term, “awesome deeds.”

#### Psalm 65:5

“By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness, God of our salvation, You who are the trust of all the ends of the earth and the farthest sea;” (NASB 2020)

The remnant prays to be delivered, and the Lord responds with awesome deeds in righteousness. Deeds which more than display that He is indeed the God of our salvation. He is the God who hears our prayers, He is the God who delivers, who saves, who answers our prayers. And there at the throne, with the nations also in attendance, He is indeed the trust of the ends of the earth and the farthest sea. They are all there before Him.

If you send an email to our congressman or senator, odds are you will get an auto response back to the same email address. Does that mean they have read the email, not really. It means they have received it and who knows if they read it or not. Every so often you might get a response, and 99% of the time, it is a canned response to reiterate their policy stand and then an autopen signature. And with that, the email and their response are deposited into the national archives never to be seen again. God though responds to our prayers, personally. There is no auto prayer response or prayer chat bot involved at all. It is the King who is involved.

In the Air Force, when someone thanked you for a good job, it was usually an underling who sent out the note and the only thing there from the person thanking you was their signature. But every so often, the thank you is personal. I worked with Secret Service to protect President Reagan when he came to see the final Space Shuttle Test flight. Those of us working just took it as our job and were not expecting anything. But then President Reagan got on the radio and personally thanked us. It wasn't the same as him thanking me personally, but it was pretty close.

But our God, He answers our prayers personally. Her hears them to.



Psalm 65:6–8

“Who establishes the mountains by His strength, Who is encircled with might; Who stills the roaring of the seas, The roaring of their waves, And the turmoil of the nations. They who dwell at the ends of the earth stand in awe of Your signs; You make the sunrise and the sunset shout for joy.” (NASB 2020)

It is this God of our salvation, the one who hears our prayers, who is also the creator of everything. The roaring of the waves, yeah, they answer to Him.

Jesus demonstrated that to his disciples.

Matthew 8:23–27

“As he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. **And a great storm developed on the sea so that the waves began to swamp the boat. But he was asleep. So they came and woke him up saying, “Lord, save us! We are about to die!” But he said to them, “Why are you cowardly, you people of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it was dead calm.** And the men were amazed and said, “What sort of person is this? Even the winds and the sea obey him!”” (NET 2nd ed.)

What David sees is in the Kingdom, the entire planet is coming to the Lord in prayer.

No matter how far someone is from Israel, they will still trust the Lord. And part of the reason is His provision which we see referenced next here in the psalm.

Psalm 65:9

“You visit the earth and cause it to overflow; You greatly enrich it; The stream of God is full of water; You prepare their grain, for so You prepare the earth.” (NASB 2020)

This is a planet that is no longer under the curse. Agricultural production is off the charts. Everything grows and does so abundantly.

There is no issue with water, there is more than enough everywhere and the rain the Lord sends irrigates the crops everywhere so that they grow.

The King rules in Zion, a physical location there in Jerusalem, but He is personally ensuring the agricultural production everywhere on the planet is abundant. With current weather patterns, usually when it rains in one place, there may be other locations that are not receiving rain. But with the King on the throne, everywhere is watered when it needs to be as often as it should be. He is making certain of that.

As soon as the ground is made ready for a crop, the Lord brings the rain. And here is the thing, He is blessing the growth of crops everywhere on the planet. Every grain producing region, produces, in excess of what is the normal per acre yield.

This abundance will change the metrics for agriculture worldwide. Storage of grain and food stuffs becomes the primary function of the worldwide government of the King since there is no war, no disease, all pregnancies are to term, all babies are born healthy. The challenge will be to have enough housing for everyone and to keep ahead of that birth curve.

We struggle to think in those terms to day, but David is describing a very different world. A world of abundance with the Lord on the throne. Each year is one that will be crowned with the goodness of God and how it reflects in what He is doing to the worlds agricultural production not to mention what is happening in the herds of livestock on the planet. No disease there either.



God is the one who is making the land productive to include the wilderness and places that have not seen agricultural production possibly ever. Herds will multiply. The wilderness, thought of as the desert and unproductive, is now productive.

Psalm 65:10–13

“You water its furrows abundantly, You settle its ridges, You soften it with showers, You bless its growth. You have crowned the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with fatness. The pastures of the wilderness drip, And the hills encircle themselves with rejoicing. The meadows are clothed with flocks And the valleys are covered with grain; They shout for joy, yes, they sing.” (NASB 2020)

This is God’s goodness on display for all to see. This is the result of the Lord now ruling from Mount Zion. The curse is gone and now, blessing instead. This is a picture of how life will be during the Kingdom of God with Jesus on the throne. Abundance and blessing.

In fact, even those portions of the land with which fertility is less likely to be associated—“pastures of the wilderness” or steppes and “the hills” themselves—were made to produce, “dripping” with fertility on the one hand and “girding themselves with joy” on the other. What an eloquent description, here and throughout, of God’s blessing upon a land! (Leupold 1959, 477)

David is describing the blessing of God and His stream full of water which causes those places which were barren, to again be productive.

As we look at that, we also realize this is how the Lord works in our life when we come to Him as a believer. Before we come to Christ, we are rather dry and barren. Spiritually speaking, a desert as nothing is going on except what is in concert with the enemy.

But then the Holy Spirit begins to show us Jesus and our need for Him. Not everyone believes, but for those of us who do, the Holy Spirit has broken up enough dried out ground so that the water of the word through the Spirit can actually soak in a bit.

When we come to Jesus and believe in what He did for us on the cross. Suddenly, just as it will at the end of the age, everything changes. You and are are made new. Not figurately, literally.

2 Corinthians 5:17

**“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”** (NASB 2020)

Jesus, when we come to Him for salvation, begins the process of changing us.

Ephesians 4:20–24

“But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former way of life, **you are to rid yourselves of the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you are to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.**” (NASB 2020)

And as we allow the Holy Spirit to control us, we too see living water, the power of the Holy Spirit, coming from our lives. Breaking up dry ground and making it productive for Him.

John 7:37–39

“Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. **The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost**



**being will flow rivers of living water.’**” But this He said in reference to the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.” (NASB 2020)

The prophet Hosea talked about the condition of those in the northern kingdom of Israel who had decided not to be obedient and follow the Lord. And his warning was ignored. We are talking about the opposite of productive ground, fallow ground.

Hosea 10:12–13

“Sow for yourselves, with a view to righteousness; Harvest in accordance with kindness. **Break up your uncultivated ground, For it is time to seek the LORD Until He comes and rains righteousness on you. You have plowed wickedness, you have harvested injustice,** You have eaten the fruit of lies. Because you have trusted in your way, in your many warriors,” (NASB 2020)

The result of chasing unrighteousness is unproductive ground and unproductive living. A dead, spiritually speaking, ground and a dead life.

But what the Lord brings is life.

John 10:7–11

“Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.**” (NKJV)

David desired and thought of that day, when he would be in the Kingdom, standing before the Lord, and be all God has him to be.

Let’s pray.

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