

# Psalm 65

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Though the exact time of Psalm 65's writing is unknown, the theme is not. It is undoubtedly a song of praise written in response to a period of drought.

÷ When we hear the word, *drought*, we tend to think of a shortage of rain and the agricultural effects of the shortage. But a drought is not limited to agriculture. We can experience a spiritual drought, a shortage of spiritual refreshing that can strongly affect us physically, mentally, and emotionally. Our seasons of spiritual drought reveal our desperate need for God, and it is one way that God reveals himself to His children. We can know that He will care for us during our drought, transforming our spiritual shortage into abundance.

## You Care For And Enrich (verse 9b)

God provides. He provides for our needs through others, through His creation, and through His Word. His miraculous ways are jaw-dropping and show-stopping. He delights in being Jehovah-Jireh, the God who provides. He leaves nothing unattended, from food for our physical nourishment to money for a new hot water heater.

My family was in a period of shortage when I was in college. My father, a carpenter, was badly injured while repairing a roof after a devastating hurricane trampled our city. He required multiple surgeries, and while the medical bills increased, my father's income decreased. Finishing college and planning my wedding seemed secondary to food and family. But God provided.

We never missed a meal. My parents never stopped tithing. And the money for a hot water—in the form of a cashier's check—was found in the mailbox.

### Read Philippians 4:19.

What needs will God supply? According to what?

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He cares for and enriches us according to *His* riches in glory. There is not a need He will not meet according to His plans.

### Read Genesis 22:14.

Who was the first person to call God, The LORD will PROVIDE, Yaweh-Yireh?

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How has He provided for you?

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### **You Drench (verse 10)**

The word *Drench* means to saturate by immersion. During my family's "drought", every need was met. We were immersed in God's care. Ten couples in our church made a covenant to supplement my father's income to and cover what worker's compensation did not. These earthly "angels" have remained anonymous even after twenty years. The outpouring of provision was overwhelming. Day after day, He supplied our every need, according to His riches in glory. To this day, those miracles take my breath away.

**Reread Philippians 4:19.**

By what standard does God meet our needs?

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### **You Soften (verse 10)**

The showers of blessings we received during those days of drought softened our hearts. We had always been a family that cared for and loved people. The reach of my parent's benevolence extended from providing for single mothers in crisis to preparing meals for the sick to doing carpentry for the needy. But during our drought, the soil of our hearts were softened even more.

**Read Matthew 25:45.**

Who are we caring for when we care for those in need?

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### **You Crown (verse 11)**

Our family was crowned with God's bounty, not for only one year, but for two. After all the pain and surgeries and long recovery, my dad was able to walk into my college graduation as well as walk me down the center aisle on my wedding day. God truly transformed our shortage to abundance.

**Read 1 Timothy 6:17.**

Why does God richly provide for His children?

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God provides for our needs and for our enjoyment. He wants us to enjoy His abundance! Now that's a reason to shout!

### **Your People Shout For Joy And Sing (verse 13)**

When our shortage becomes a surplus, we cannot help but respond with shouts of joy and singing. In every season, He is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us (Ephesians 3:20).