

A Study of the Wisdom Literature

(OT Survey Lesson 234—Psalms 64-65)

Introduction: These psalms differ in that the first is personal, the second national. Yet, both declare God to be the source of the blessings celebrated in each.

Lesson aim: To show the need to acknowledge the blessings of God in all areas of our lives.

A prayer for deliverance from those who seek to destroy David through deceit—Psalm 64:1-10

It is difficult to place this psalm in any particular period of David's life. It is a psalm, the message of which might be spoken during any time during David's reign when enemies sought to discredit him. Perhaps we might think of those efforts by those loyal to Absalom who slandered David's administration of justice.

1. What were David's pleas in the first two verses? What instruments of destruction did his enemies use? (v. 3)
2. David likened his enemies to assassins who shoot from where? (v. 4) How did he describing their plotting? (v. 5-6)
3. What did David say the Lord would do to those who plotted against him? (v. 7-8)
4. What would all men do who when they saw this? (v. 8) What would it cause them to do? (v. 9)
5. Consequently, what blessings will the righteous experience? (v. 10)

A psalm celebrating the Lord's goodness to Israel—Psalm 65:1-13

In this psalm we might picture a large assembly of Israel gathered at the tabernacle. It has been a year of blessing from God spiritually, militarily and agriculturally. The psalm celebrate the goodness of God toward Israel in hearing her prayers.

1. How did David say the people would respond to the Lord's blessings upon them? (v. 1) These blessings are the answer to what? (v. 2)
2. How had God dealt with Israel's transgressions? (v. 3) How did David describe those who came into God's presence? (v. 4)

3. With what had God answered Israel? (v. 5)
4. How did the psalmist communicate God's power? (v. 6-7)
5. How did David say those who dwell at the ends of the earth feel toward God? (v. 8)
6. How does David describe the agricultural blessings of the land? (v. 9-10) Consequently what kind of harvest did Israel anticipate yielding from the fields? (v. 11-12) How could this prosperity be seen on the meadows and valleys? (v. 13)