

Psalm 65:1-5

O God of Our Salvation

(A psalm by David and a song for the music leader.)

*Our God, you deserve praise in Zion,
where we keep our promises to you.*

Everyone will come to you because you answer prayer.

*Our terrible sins get us down,
but you forgive us.*

*You bless your chosen ones,
and you invite them to live near you in your temple. We will
enjoy your house,
the sacred temple.*

*Our God, you save us,
and your fearsome deeds answer our prayers for justice!*

*You give hope to people everywhere on earth,
even those across the sea.*

All the praise the Lord receives from this earth is from Zion, being the fruit of the Spirit of Christ, and acceptable through him. Praise is silent unto thee, as wanting words to express the great goodness of God. He reveals himself upon a mercy-seat, ready to hear and answer the prayers of all who come unto him by faith in Jesus Christ. Our sins prevail against us; we cannot pretend to balance them with any righteousness of our own: yet, as for our transgressions, of thine own free mercy, and for the sake of a righteousness of thine own providing, we shall not come into condemnation for them. Observe what it is to come into communion with God in order to blessedness. It is to converse with him as one we love and value; it is to apply ourselves closely to religion as to the business of our dwelling-place. Observe how we come into communion with God; only by God's free choice. There is abundance of goodness in God's house, and what is satisfying to the soul; there is enough for all, enough for each: it is always ready; and all without money and without price. By faith and prayer we may keep up communion with God, and bring in comfort from him, wherever we are. But it is only through that blessed One, who approaches the Father as our Advocate and Surety, that sinners may expect or can find this happiness. - *Matthew Henry, MHCC*