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Psalm 65

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Vs. 1-5 show God alone rules the lives of the saved;
Vs. 6-13 show the living God, alone, rules the living world.

There is no good reason for doubting that this is a Psalm of David. There are some who are always critical of what they find in the Bible, and Jesus had a word for them. "Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle *Him* in His talk." They posed their question, and after answering it, "Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, 'Why do you test Me, *you* hypocrites?'" ([Matthew 22:15-18](#)). It is scholarly to examine the Bible for proof, it is idiocy and sophistry to ignore the proof the Bible gives!

Verses 1-5: God is to be praised in Zion ("the City of David," [2 Samuel 5:7](#)) because of His attractive traits (**verse 1**). He: (1) hears prayer (**verse 2**), which all people desire in their God; (2) provides "atonement" for the "transgressions" of some, out of a world of "iniquities," (**verse 3**); (3) blesses the chosen priests who may approach Him on others' behalf (**verse 4**); demonstrates by His "awesome deeds in righteousness" (that is, vanquishing whole armies or nations who oppose His people) that there is but one real, living God over the earth (**verse 5**). It profanes the term "awesome" if everything in life is given that rank.

Verses 6-13: Proof of God's Power is in the Creation ([Romans 1:20-21](#)), which follows God's rules of orderliness. Proof that God exists and sustains life on earth is clearly seen: (1) "Mountains" (**verse 6**) solidly affect weather patterns; (2) "Noise," whether crashing waves or rioting mobs, is quieted when needed (**verse 7**); (3) Thunder, lightning, windstorms all strike fear in all mankind, and "outgoings" (sunrises and sunsets, [Ecclesiastes 1:5](#)) continue to create joy in those who survive (**verse 8**); In **verse 9**, our dependence on water is emphasized: rainfall waters crops and provides continuing supply to rivers ([Ecclesiastes 1:7](#)); In **verses 9-10** waterworks begin on the "ridges," running down to settle earth's "furrows," softening the ground for growing, and blessing growth. Paul later will say, "God "did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness" ([Acts 14:17](#)). Waiting for Jesus' Second Coming is learned from farmers: "Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain" ([James 5:7](#)); every year with harvest and blessing is from God (**verse 11**); God's "paths" (patterns) even extend to uncultivated areas of the earth (**verse 11-12**); So that "flocks" have pastures, and "valleys" their grain (**verse 13**).

Truly, God is to be praised for saving lives spiritually and physically ALL THE TIME! It takes a "fool" to say, "There is no God!" Life on earth comes from God and Evolutionists who explain life without God are truly fools!

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