## 19-Psalms-30-Transcript

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well welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study and we are up to Psalm 65 and God willing we'll do some 65 and 66 this evening and as we go through these Psalms again what is really impacting me you know for the first time just reading the Psalms line by line I should say for this first time because I have read the Bible cover-to-cover a couple of times but just focusing on Psalms and reading line by line what's really impacted me is that I guess I used to think of the songs as you know nice Christian worship and so Christians all over the world can dip into the songs and we can praise God reading these songs line by line one after the other it really struck me that there certain primarily Psalms of lamentation and that the praise the lamentation and the phrase is exclusive to the nation of Israel and that Christians can access these songs in this praise as we acknowledge we have been grafted into this covenant that God has yahuwah has with israel so you know the this macro-level arrangement or agreement or relationship and covenant that yahuwah has with israel and within that mackerel arrangement we have the psalmist's expressing their experience at a micro level and I think that's really the key to understanding the songs that I'm getting very forcefully now and maybe it's coming on the heels of studying Isaiah as well so let's open with a word

of Prayer and then get into the study for this evening Psalm 65 and 66 father we pause as we do to praise you and to acknowledge you and we ask Lord God Almighty that you would bless us as we earnestly study your word as we hunger and thirst for the righteousness of Christ we pray God that you'll bless us with his righteousness with deeper understanding deeper faith and conviction we praise you Lord and we thank you for these ancient texts that we have access to we ask your blessing our Father in Jesus most holy name Amen so we are up to Psalm 65 we'll just jump right in

sixty-five so this is to the chief musician and it's a psalm and song of David so not all the Psalms are written by King David but this one certainly is Psalm 65 I think as we move into the next couple of books there will be less input from David but certainly book one in book two of songs got a lot of input from David in this one is no exception verse one praise waits for you O God in Zion and unto you shall the bow be performant so again what's clear to me now in reading these songs is this is exclusively speaking of the relationship between God and his people Israel and praise waits for God in Zion David is also he's a king but he was also a prophet and as he looks into the future he sees the people of God gathering in Zion and praising God wholeheartedly enzyme so praise waits for God in Zion despite what's happening now despite Israel's unfaithfulness that David can see past that and can see the day when God will be praised enzyme by his people and then he says unto you shall devour be performed and you know we see here very clearly

that when you bow of the help to God you perform it and Israel has entered into a covenant with God and God has covenant of Israel and Israel has covenant with God and David is saying that bow that covenant will be performed and certainly we see here in numbers how seriously God takes it when we utter a promise when we make an oath out of our lives here in numbers in 30 of the torah moses spoke unto the heads of the tribes concerning the children of israel saying this is the thing which the lord has commanded is exclusively to israel if a man vow a vow unto the Lord or swear an oath to blind his soul with a bond he shall not break his word he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth God is serious you know what makes God God one of one of his own unique attributes that makes him God he is not a single word leaves his mouth in vain whatever he says that happens that that his creative power comes to his word and his character is bound in his word and he is making us in His image and in his likeness so one of the key character traits that we must have as the people of God is that our word is our bond that if we say yes or no if we promise we fulfill that promise doesn't matter what the other party does or doesn't do we keep our promise because God keeps his promise and we are building the character of God so here right in the Torah is that anytime you swear an oath or you bind your soul with a bond you don't break your work and so David sees that in Zion God shall be praised why because the bow shall be performed what vow the oath that Israel entered into with God what I say to you it's our then in Matthew now when God came to

earth listen to what he says in Matthew 12:36 but I say unto you that every idle word every idle word every vain word every word that we speak that doesn't come to fruition I say unto you that every idle word that men shall speak they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment again Christ came to fulfill the Torah that the Ministry of Christ does not exist absent of the Torah and until going back to the Torah we see how seriously God takes it when somebody makes a promise and here Christ is saying every every promise that was made that is not fulfilled men will give it

account in the day of judgment for by your words you shall be justified and by your words you shall be what condemned who is he speaking to he's speaking to Israel he's speaking to his disciples and he's saying be careful what you promise because this is how you'll be evaluated and based on what you've promised this is how you'll be judged so when you say I will do this thing when you do it you'll be justified when you say I will do this thing and you don't do it you will be condemned so as we enter into these promises that you know certainly if one is considering baptism that is a big commitment these big commitments that we make in our **lives** 

we'd better be serious about them and that would come up out of the water and we say basically to God I do that's it there is no turning back and those who do turn back they will be condemned so God takes very seriously what comes out of our mouth sound 65 verse 2 o you that hears prayer unto you shall all flesh come so David is realizing that the God that he praised him and this is

quite a realization anciently is not just a local God because everybody and there was no such thing as my atheist in this but everybody believed in the supernatural but the gods that they believed in were local gods david has this understanding that the God of Israel is the God of the whole universe and unto Him shall all flesh come thousands of years later John receives the revelation the vehicle Bach apocalypsis and what does he write in Revelation 20 and verse 12 and I saw the dead small and great stand before God all flesh coming before God and the books were opened and another book was opened which is the book of life and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books and the books obviously being the revelation the Scriptures that God has given to mankind to Israel but ultimately through Israel to all mankind and everybody now meets to conform to the Word of God and so David is seeing what John ultimately sees in vision that all flesh will come before you Hopa J says that the the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works and the sea gave up the Dead which were in it and death and he'll delivered up the Dead which were in them so everybody all flesh even those who had died thousands of years ago death will give them up and everybody comes back to life and in front all flesh comes to God and must be evaluated by God so he'll delivered up the Dead which were in them and they were judged every man according to their works back to Psalm 65 he says here iniquities prevail against them as for our transgressions you shall purge

them away and this kind of sounds like Paul when he says o wretched man that I am Who Shall deliver me from this body of sin or his body of death and then he gives praise to God David is seeing in this personal struggle trying to overcome that the praise belongs to God but God will act God will purge away the iniquity then he says blessed is the man whom you chooses who you chooses so that man that God chooses David is just the one he's overwhelmed with God's loving-kindness and that God has chosen him has chosen Israel and blessed is the man who you choose and cause to approach unto you that he may dwell in your courts we shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house even of your holy temple so it's a crazy world the world the world is insane and it's getting more and more insane faster and faster and Satan is behind all of this and people are blind like people just cannot see you can put something right in front of their face and they cannot see it you can explain it to them like how can they not see this and they cannot see it but the one that God chooses God opens our eyes he removes the veil he removes the and we can see and we praise him were overwhelmed with what he's doing in the earth people think there's no God no such thing as God we were born we live we die who cares we actually understand what this great God is doing and what a tremendous blessing it is and and we can't help but be overwhelmed with praise and so we are as we are grafted into Israel and grafted into this covenant unable to approach God so that we can dwell in this court forever and be satisfied with the goodness of his house even of his holy temple now who is

this man that David is speaking of that God has chosen again David is at a micro level but we see everything in the macro that it's it's just not random so Isaiah shows us that you whom I have taken or did God says to rise I are you speaking to Israel who might have taken from the ends of the earth so God has chosen someone and despite the calamity the catastrophe the disaster that has come upon them

despite their rebelliousness to him and being taken captive to the ends of the earth God has chosen them they are in he is in covenant with them and he will not break his vow he will not break his word so he goes after them and gathers them from the ends of the earth and as I through Isaiah he says you Israel who might have taken from the ends the earth because of your rebellious miss to the government and my faithfulness to the covenant on gathering youth in the ends of the earth and called you from the chief men they're off so all of these powerful nations that have taken God's people captive the same way he released them from Egypt in the powerful hand of Pharaoh he's releasing them from the hands of these chief men and I said unto you Israel you are my servant so these powerful nations have subjected Israel to dishonour to slavery to humiliation and God says no you Israel are my servant while they're trying to claim that God is with them you are my servant I have chosen you so David is looking at this certainly from the micro level but within the context of the macro level the Covenant Wow blessed is the man whom God has chosen and God says of Israel I have chosen you and I have not cast your life so we cannot believe

that he is not cast this bill away back to Psalm 65 by terrible things in righteousness will you answer us o god of our salvation who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth and of them that are afar off so again we've got to read this within the context of the Covenant by terrible things that things that caused tremendous fear and terror by terrible things in righteousness that whatever God does he does in righteousness he does within the context of the words that he has spoken and that is right everything that is done is done according to what God has spoken and that is right

by terrible things in righteousness will you answer us oh god of our salvation who is the our who our which is our what salvation is he speaking of the saving of Israel God is the God of Israel and the salvation is the salvation of Israel so with terrible thing the same way with terrible things like ten plagues it took to drive Pharaoh to his knees and to release God's people this is a pattern for the end time so by terrible things in righteousness he will answer us that Israel cried out to God and he heard their cry and then he answered with these terrible plagues in order to release Israel from bondage and bring them salvation that's a pattern for the end time so by terrible things in righteousness will you answer us o god of our salvation who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth so what does that mean that he's the confidence of all the ends of the earth and of them that are far off upon the sea does this mean that everybody all over the earth can have confidence in God it does not so let me come back to what that phrase

means about he's the confidence of all the ends of the earth and of them that are afar off upon the sea but first let's deal with the first part that in terrible things in righteousness will you answer us O God of our salvation because the prophecy we see here in Hebrews 12 he says in Hebrews 12 see that you refuse him not that speaks that is God God is the one that speaks and he never speaks in vain see that you refuse him not that speaks for if they escaped not speaking of ancient Israel who refused him that spoke on earth much more shall we not escape shall not we escape if we turn away from him that speaks from heaven whose voice then shook the earth so that was ancient leash of the earth but now he has promised and God requires of us that we keep our promises and as we bind ourselves to our word we come to understand how much more God binds himself to his word if we break our word then we can kind of justify if God breaks his word and replaces Israel with somebody else but no he's a God that when he speaks that's it and now he's promised saying yet once more I shake not the Earth only but also heaven so this we can see what God is doing with the shaking of terrible things is to release his people he says and this word yet once more signifies the removing of those things that are shaken as of things that are made that those things which cannot be shaken may remain and Israel abides forever the earth forever the covenant that God has with Israel abides forever so this terrible shaking at the end of it all what will remain is God and his covenant with his people Israel on the earth as he brings

them into the land that he promised now those the second part of us almost over the first part of the phrase the second part then he said that by terrible things in righteousness he will answer Israel God of Israel salvation but God is the confidence of all the ends of the earth and of them that are far off upon the sea so what does that mean does that mean that the whole earth can be confident in God not at all not at all again if we look back into the Torah and view Psalms through the lens of the Torah we see that Moses showed them that when they are driven into captivity and they finally repent that then the Lord your God that's the God of Israel will end your slavery and have compassion upon you and will return and gather you from all the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you if any of yours be driven out unto the utmost parts of heaven from their will the Lord your God gather you and from their will he fetch you and the Lord your God will bring you into the land which your father's possessed and you shall possess it and he will do you good and multiply you above your father's so this confidence that David sees that God is the from the ends of the earth and those that are afar off he's speaking of Israel that he's looking into the future he's seeing Israel scattered all over the earth and they no matter where they are they can have confidence in God the same way God rescued Israel from ancient Israel ancient Egypt and and by terrible things released them from Pharaoh's death grip in the same way as Israel as scattered now throughout the ends of the earth under the death grip of you know the equivalent of Pharaoh of the Babylonian

in the Babylonian Empire in the end time when God will release them from this captivity from this slavery and bring them back to their promised land and foglight of their fathers so this is why they can have confidence from the ends of the earth back to Psalm 65 which by his strength sets fast the mountains being girded with power so just again the God of Israel how powerfully is that the psalm now praise acknowledging his forgiveness of Israel and the power that he has which stills the noise of the Seas let's see what God can do that the sea is very powerful very noisy God who can make it silent you think of all very powerful storm at sea which stills the noise of the seized noise of their waves and the tumult of the people and in fact remember when God was on earth in Matthew 8 verse 26 he says unto them why are you fearful o you of little faith so they were terrified because of this a storm that they were in while the master slept then he arose and he rebuked the winds and the sea and there was a great calm but the men marvelled saying what manner is this that even the wind's and the sea obey Him good question what manner of man is this and the psalm gives us the clue that it is God who can still the seas are still the noise of seas and when he was on earth that's exactly what he did

Psalm 65 verse 13 the pastures are clothed with flocks the valleys also are covered over with corn they shout for joy they also sing so just again just the the praise for God for his operations on the earth and just how he blesses mankind with with all of this abundance because of his his loving kindness to Israel psalm 66

to the chief musician a song or song make a joyful noise unto God all you land so we're not sure who the author of this song is but again it's a psalm of praise and again it's within the context of the covenant with Israel make a joyful noise unto God all you lands sing forth the honor of his name make his praise glorious of God he's the God of Israel he's the God of the whole universe he's the God of the whole the whole earth the whole universe so everybody needs to come now and praise God say you unto God how terrible are you in your works through the greatness of your power shall your enemies submit themselves unto you and again we have the pattern of the Passover and the Exodus anciently and and just how powerful Egypt was and the Pharaoh was anciently and that just sets down the pattern of God's faithfulness to his people Israel is faithfulness to his promises despite the power of men and in this endtime there's gonna be tremendous power that these men are wielding on the earth over God's people and and it's God's powerful works to release his people through the greatness of your power shall your enemies submit themselves unto you so the whole earth will praise God all the earth here it is here all the earth shall worship you and shall sing unto you imagine not these enemies of God these enemies of Israel not only will they submit to god they're gonna worship Him they're gonna come and keep the Feast of Tabernacles and and the other feast days and they're gonna worship alongside and and they're gonna be taught by God's people though all the earth shall worship you and shall sing unto you they shall sing to your name ceylon so

they're that the the veil of it the dark clouds have been lifted people will be able to see and understand what God has been doing on the earth now look at justice this notion that the whole earth shall worship God the God of Israel look what the Prophet Jeremiah says a noise shall come even to the ends of the earth so this involves the whole earth Jeremiah says a noise shall come even to the ends of the whole earth needs to understand even to the ends of the earth for the Lord has a controversy with the nations that there's a disagreement that God has a plan God has a covenant God has an exclusive promise with a set of people and the whole earth disagrees the whole earth agrees to subject these people to slavery and to humiliation and God has a controversy with the nations he will plead with all flesh so he's coming to plead his cause with all flesh he will give them that our wicked to the sword

and a lot of people don't understand how angry God is and that when Christ returns he's not returning you know with with smiles and candy canes he's coming in wrath he's coming to break bones shatter skulls and shed blood he is furious and and I think too many Christians are looking at his that the character in Luther the demonstration of mercy in his first coming and they're conflating that with his return and so when Christ returns I think a lot of Christians will just not recognize him because they're expecting this God to return that just forgives everything and tolerates everything in the same way the Jews didn't recognize him because when they looked into the Scriptures they saw a God of fury coming to the earth they saw a God of fury crushing their enemies

and establishing the kingdom a god full of wrath and instead what they saw or what they were confronted with was a land a gentle to servant a humble servant who came to represent Israel and and just be as forgiving and merciful as possible in regather in Israel to himself and preparing Israel for his return they didn't recognize him because they were looking for the character of God in his return in the same way a lot of Christians are not going to recognize because they're now looking for the first display of his first coming when we should be looking for what the Jews were originally looking for that's gonna be in his second coming so when he comes he's gonna plead with all flesh it's not gonna be pretty and he will give them that our wicked to the sword says the Lord back to psalm 66 come and see the works of God for he is terrible and it's full of terror in his doing toward the children of men he's not joking he is very very serious when he comes he turned the sea into dry land so the psalmist now looks back anciently to what God did for Israel his people at the time of the subjection of of Egypt he turned the sea into dry land and they went through the flood on foot this is a historical fact some two three million people went through this flood on foot while all of Egypt drowned in it the Pharaoh's army should say olive it wasn't but Pharaoh's army there did we rejoice in him exactly Israel rejoice together he rules by his power he rules by his power forever his eyes behold the nation so you know Israel Egypt was just a nation as powerful and selects us this is spectacular and splendid as it was it's just the nation and God brought it down

to exalt his people so this these are enslaved peoples came out of Egypt in a sense Egypt gave birth to Israel and Israel became one of the most glorious nations on the earth little while and then of course because they're all unfaithfulness they collapsed and but but the intent is that Israel will be the glorious nation that all flesh will come to worship God through Israel he rules by his power forever so just what we saw in ancient Egypt that wasn't just a hiccup he this is the kind of power of the God of Israel has and he will rule by this power forever and Israel will be known forever

he rules by his power forever his eyes behold the nation's let not the rebellious exalt themselves and you know our Muslim brothers and sisters and Muslims of the Middle East and the Palestinians Islam is designed around pride and exaltation and the humiliation of Israel and Judah specifically Judah they don't really understand Israel but as they go after Christians many of the Christians are Israelites are grafted in born so he says he rules by his power forever his eyes behold the nation's let not the rebellious exalt themselves God will have his way and his ways to exalt Israel and these nations that are envious of this and competing with this it's gonna it's not gonna be pleasant it's gonna be very ugly in fact going back to the prophecy we read just a verse of it in Jeremiah let's just go back a little bit and read read the whole passage therefore prophesy you against them all these words and santé them the Lord shall war from on high it's not gonna be pretty when he returns and I just pray that we understand this

the Lord shall roar from on high and utter his voice from his holy habitation we need to be looking forward to this we can't be playing the hypocrite we need to make sure that this wrath passes over us we're not appointed unto that but we can be if we play the hypocrite so he says the Lord shall war from on high and utter his voice from his holy habitation he shall mightily war upon his habitation it's not gonna be pretty he shall give a shout as they that tread the grapes there's gonna be a lot of bloodshed against all the inhabitants of the earth and I shall come even to the ends of the earth so this is the context now that we're reading that God is going to the ends of the earth together to gather his people and so a noise I'll come the same way he went after Pharaoh to gather his people and release his people and noise shall come even to the ends of the earth for the Lord has a controversy with the nations he will plead with all flesh he will give them that our wicked to the sword says the Lord

thus says the Lord of Hosts behold evil shall go forth from nation to nation and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth same thing the same fate that befell Pharaoh of ancient Egypt all these nations that trouble the apple of God's eye that is Israel are going to suffer the consequences the Jeremiah goes on to say the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth the people understand that Jesus Christ is returning to shed blood he's coming to break bones to shatter skulls he is full of Wrath this is the image we need to have of the God that's returning it's

not this long-haired hippy and sandals in a floaty outfit that just wants to just put his arms around everybody we've got to get that out of our mind a great king is returning to establish his kingdom and to rescue his people from the ends of the earth and they they at this time will be subjected to the greatest of humiliations and degradation and slavery and he's going to the ends of the earth because he has a controversy with the nations so he's going to the ends of the earth to end the controversy and to rescue his people and at that time the slain of the Lord the slain of Jesus Christ the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth they shall not be lamented neither gathered nor buried they shall be done upon the ground you do not contradict the God of Israel and be very careful he that blesses Israel will be blessed

neither curses Israel will be cursed they also that dwell and again Israel is the tribes of Israel not just the nation we call this bill today is actually one tribe that we call that is the tribe of Judah

I shouldn't say one tribe because
Benjamin and Levi a bit of Simeon will
blend it in to the south so to the
southern nation that we ultimately get
was called Judah and in the northern
tribes reflect that the other tribes of
Israel but it's all these tribes and
those northern tribes have been
scattered throughout the earth and we
need to look you know which nations as
we are in this final chapter of man's
history where the nations that are
significantly blessed not by a little
bit but by orders of magnitude above all

the other nations of the earth that this is a clue to where we can see the identity in the presence of Israel in the earth today and they end up blessing the earth of the knowledge of the God of the Bible or at least one of the scriptures of the God of the Bible but back to Psalm 65 they also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at your tokens you make the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice so again he's coming to rescue his people and even these people are in awe you visit the earth and water it again justice God of tremendous mercy tremendous power tremendous grace you visit the earth and water it you greatly enrich it with the river of God which is full of water you prepare them corn when you have so provided

and again we have the pattern of ancient Israel when they were brought out of Egypt just how they were blessed with abundance when I came into the Promised Land and just the abundance that was there waiting for them and God you know sending down the rain from heaven and took to water the earth and bring them this abundance and God is going to do this again you water the riches thereof abundantly you settles the furrows there are they the trenches and the ridges of the rivers and the waters flowing through you make it soft with showers you bless the springs there are you crown the year with your goodness so the head of the year is just crowned with goodness and love the spring harvesting your paths drop fatness they drop upon the pastures of the wilderness and the little hills rejoice on every side so here

despite Israel's regalia sness despite their breaking of the Covenant what does

Isaiah say when we've began to study second Isaiah chapter 40 verse one comfort you comfort you my people this is the comfort that God people speak you comfortably to Jerusalem and cryin to her that her warfare is accomplished that her iniquity is platinum blessed is the man who is iniquity is pardoned Israel is iniquity for his pardon for she has received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins but it's over now and now we see this blessing the pastures are clothed with flocks the valleys also have covered over with corn they shout for joy they also sing and hear now we see the wicked so not everybody in Israel is going to have this blessing it's not it's not automatic that there's a covenant and God in allowing all of these courses to come upon Israel as Moses said to drive Israel to repentance those that don't repentance cannot take it for granted that just because you are of Israel just as those of us who are grafted into Israel we cannot take it for granted that therefore God is obligated to give us the kingdom no we have to earnestly strive to be in the kingdom and the Prophet Malachi here says for behold the day comes that's how burn as an oven for this day is coming and all the proud yes and all that do wickedly shall be stubble and this is not just the Gentile proud and the Gentile could deal with it this is also within Israel and the day that comes shall burn them up says the Lord of Hosts and it shall leave them neither root nor branch but unto you that fear my name there's a difference nowaday that you know within Israel those that fear his name shall the Sun of

righteousness arise with healing in his wings again the more we understand the wrath that he's returning with the more we'll have tremendous honor and respect for God for his laws for his covenant and we will fear his name and act accordingly they're going to be rewarded according to our works not that salvation is by works but our reward will certainly be by works and we can certainly violate the covenant with our works and lose the salvation that God wants to give us because of our evil works but unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings and you shall go forth and grow as calves of the stall and you shall tread down the wicked for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this saith the Lord of Hosts so there is no place for wickedness in the coming Kingdom there's no place for falsehood in the coming and there's a sifting process that God has taken Israel through to be left with the gold that really can be in the kingdom just finishing off here in Psalm 66 verse 19 but truly God has heard me he has attended to the voice of my prayer again we've got this macro-level covenant and then we've got this micro-level personal relationship that we're seeing with the psalmist and over but truly God has heard truly he's heard he's attended to the voice of my prayer blessed be God which has not turned away my prayer nor his mercy from so that's psalm 66 now where this very personal relationship with God and we see that this is a God that within the Covenant he hears prayers and despite the calamity that must befall the people of God because of the violation of the

Covenant his ear is open to the righteous within the Covenant and so for all of us as we're reading through these songs we should see the prophetic nature of the songs we should see the loyalty and the faithfulness that God has to his people because of his promise to his people and we should aspire to be people of all work to be people of covenant and to be a people of full of gratitude and who hold gall and tremendous all and glory because what a powerful what a mighty and what a faithful God we said