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Forgiveness

Today we will be looking at Psalm 65. First I will read it and then I will break it down into three parts. So let's read Psalm 65 verses one through 13.

Read it! Before I read it I want you to know that forgiveness is God's grace to mankind. The psalmist reiterates the theme of God universal rule expressed in Psalm 64 one of the reasons all men will fear and declare God's work in glory in him is found in Psalm 64 verses nine and 10 because God will make available the forgiveness of sins to the ends of the earth. That is Psalm 65:3-5 if we just look at the first four verses. We see that God will hear our prayers and as for our transgressions he forgives the same of all men all flesh meaning human beings of all kind. Who will come to him and ask for his forgiveness. Do you need to ask someone for forgiveness? Sometimes we may have offended

someone and not even known it. This forgiveness really comes about because God's choice to forgive not by the striving of man it is simply a gift from God.

Secondly God's grace is expressed in his awesome deeds as we see in verse five once that deed was to deliver his people Israel this is recalled in Psalm 106:22 where the same terms applied to all God did at the Red Sea halting pharaohs army with a pillar of fire, splitting the Red sea, and having to bring his people across on dry land it's found in the book of Exodus 24:10. I am drowning pharaohs army in the Red Sea.

Third God's grace as seen in his provisional care. David said that God had visited the earth recalling the wording in the book of Ruth "the Lord has visited his people and giving them food he gives them grain. This ensures that seeds will be available and that it will grow by the water through rain that the Lord provides. This he does for the righteous and the unrighteous.

In summary I would like to say God forgives us of our

many sins as we found in Psalm 65. God forgives us because he loves us psalm 86. God makes us clean as freshly fallen snow, Isaiah 1:18, God removes all our impurities Ezekiel 36:25, We must forgive others Matthew 6:14&1, Don't keep track of how many times you forgive Matthew 18:21-35, Freely forgive others as God has forgiven you Colossians 3:13, God will forgive our sins if we confess them 1 John 1:8-9. Mr. Vehlow forgive those who help themselves to things in his garden. He actually encourages people to take things.

In 1955 Emmett till was murdered for allegedly whistling at a white woman in the deep South. The woman Caroline Bryant Donham near the end of her life wanted to get right with God and confess that she had made up how long ago allegations in the Emmett Till were made up. She said he whistled at her and grabbed her in a crude way. This was first reported in Vanity Fair January 27, 2017. She actually told the story to a professor and reporter back in 2007 when she was 72 years old. She wanted to get right with God. She was asking for forgiveness. Her

husband and brother-in-law who actually killed the 14-year-old boy were found innocent by an all-white jury in one hour's time. The two men later sold their story to Look magazine for \$4000 admitting their guilt knowing that they would not be tried again for the crime.

Final story John Robert Lewis lived to be 80 years old born in 1940 in Alabama. He was born seven years before I was born in Alabama 127 miles apart. I had moved the time I was in the middle of third grade. I do remember pictures of Governor Wallace standing in the school house doors saying segregation now segregation tomorrow and segregation forever! The boy from Troy as a man forgave the man George Wallace.

What type of forgiveness do you have in your heart?

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Georgia example

When we get angry we need to remember the three S's
Be angry but sin not!

**Be angry but do not let the sun go down on your anger!
Be angry but do not let Satan direct your ways!**

**So that is sin, sun, and Satan!
Let us pray!**
