

## **SERMON: A PERFECT PREDICTION**

### **Psalm 65:11**

**Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.**

#### **Introduction**

A few years ago a man made a perfect prediction about the Super Bowl. He predicted the final score correctly. He also correctly predicted the point spread and even in which quarters the scores would be put on the board. He also predicted many of the other small details that would transpire during the game. The odds of him correctly predicting with such detail were several billions to one. Some did not believe the story and said it was a playful hoax. The news media call it a “perfect prediction.” He was famous for a few days and then was quickly forgotten.

Perfect predictions are nothing new to Bible readers and people of faith. Part of prophecy is nothing but God making perfect predictions. Numerous perfect predictions were made about the birth, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus our Savior.

Our text is a perfect prediction about the goodness of God. This psalm is a thanksgiving song expressing gratitude for God’s spiritual and physical blessings. The blessings of atonement for sin and the bounty from the earth are clearly expressed. Granted, it was used predominately during harvest time but it was also used during other times of the years. It is filled with confidence that God will answer prayer.

It satisfies one of the great innate needs or quests of humankind. That is the need for certainty about the future. Many try various ways to achieve this goal. Some people go to fortune tellers. Others use crystal balls and ouija boards. Businesses use statistics and probability to project the number of items that will be sold, so that they will neither under produce nor over produce in the factory. Financial analysts try to predict the rise and fall of the stock market. Remember these are all predictions. Political scientists try to predict the outcome of elections. Meteorologists forecast the weather, which is really a calculated prediction. In spite of all of these endeavors, without putting God in our spiritual calculations, we will never feel certain and comfortable about the future.

The psalmist is certain that God will answer their prayers for the provisions of life. He predicts with full faith that God will send the seasonal rains and the crops and flocks will flourish. He makes a perfect prediction about God’s providential care. He knew that the harvest would be abundant because God had and will bless the land for the entire year.

The harvest was just a culmination of God's continuous blessings. As we enter 2024 let us have the faith that the psalmist had. We have even more reasons to trust God because we have the New Testament as well as the Old Testament. The psalmist predicted that the year would be truly blessed. As we lean on God's Word and not on our own understanding, we can make a perfect prediction, that come what may, 2024 will be a banner year. Let's see why this is a perfect prediction.

## **Exposition**

**1. Because God Answers Prayer.**

**2. Because God Forgives Sin.**

**3. Because God Honors His Word And His Name.**

## **Closing Thoughts**

You can make bold perfect predictions when you are standing on the promises of God.

Our fore-parents made some bold perfect predictions because they were standing on His promises. They expressed their predictions in their spirituals. They believed the predictions to be truthful, if not in this world, then in the world to come. Not only did they make a prediction about the coming year, they made a perfect prediction about eternity.

"I got a crown up in ah the kingdom, Ain't that good news?  
I got a crown up in ah the kingdom, Ain't that good news?  
I'm ah gonna lay down this world. Gonna shoulder up a my cross,  
Gonna take it home to my Jesus, Ain't a that good news?"

When they were not allowed to sit at the dining table and eat with others, after preparing the scrumptious meal, they made another bold perfect prediction.

"I'm gonna sit at the welcome table.  
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, Hallelujah!  
Sit at the welcome table one of these days."

Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

**End Note:**

Some theologians believe the phrase, “thy paths drop fatness,” is a reference to kings who would come to town and as he rode through he would throw gifts to his loyal subjects.

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