*The title of this psalm is***To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. A Song.***Charles Spurgeon observed this about the uncommon pairing of***Psalm***and***Song***for this composition: “The Hebrew calls it a Shur and Mizmor, a combination of psalm and song, which may be best described by the term, ‘A Lyrical Poem.’ In this case the psalm may be said or sung, and be equally suitable.”*

*We don’t know the occasion of this psalm, but because of its thankfulness and praise connected to flocks and grain, many think it was composed for a harvest festival, perhaps the Feast of Tabernacles in the fall season.*

power,  
    having armed yourself with strength,  
**7**who stilled the roaring of the seas,  
    the roaring of their waves,  
    and the turmoil of the nations.

**8**The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;  
    where morning dawns, where evening fades,  
    you call forth songs of joy.

**9**You care for the land and water it;  
    you enrich it abundantly.  
The streams of God are filled with water  
    to provide the people with grain,  
    for so you have ordained it.[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+65&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14870d)]  
**10**You drench its furrows and level its ridges;  
    you soften it with showers and bless its crops.  
**11**You crown the year with your bounty,  
    and your carts overflow with abundance.  
**12**The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;  
    the hills are clothed with gladness.  
**13**The meadows are covered with flocks  
    and the valleys are mantled with grain;  
    they shout for joy and sing.

#### To the director: A praise song of David.

**65**God in Zion, we praise you  
    and give you what we promised.

((Once we make a vow it is important to fullfill our vows. Vow of service, donation praise or whatever.)  
  
**2**Anyone can come to you,  
    and you will listen to their prayers.  
**3**When our sins become too heavy for us,  
    you wipe them away.

(David looked to the Messiah and His perfect, atoning work on the cross fulfilling the promise)  
**4**Oh, how wonderful it is to be the people you chose  
    to come and stay in your Temple.  
And we are so happy to have the wonderful things  
    that are in your Temple, your holy palace.  
**5**God, you answer our prayers and do what is right.  
    You do amazing things to save us.

(Once we are forgiven of our sins we live in his house, with his choice. We will taste the good things in his house. His everlasting miracles in our lives. The providence in our lifes )

People all over the world know they can trust in you,  
    even those who live across the sea.

**6**You made the mountains.  
    We see your power all around us.  
**7**You can calm the roughest seas  
    or the nations raging around us.

( an average hurricane can release as much energy as 10,000 nuclear bomb. Yet God can and does still the roaring of the seas ) So the troubles we have can not be greater than 10,000 nuclear bombs. )

(The whole earth is filled with God’s awesomeness and we praise him for that )

( even though farmers do their work, David realised its God who does the irrigation. We have great crops where our carts are overflowed. The meadows are covered with sheep, valleys are covered with grain.)

**8**People all around the world are amazed at the wonderful things you do.  
    You make all people, east and west, sing with joy.  
**9**You take care of the land.  
    You water it and make it fertile.  
Your streams are always filled with water.  
    That’s how you make the crops grow.  
**10**You pour rain on the plowed fields;  
    you soak the fields with water.  
You make the ground soft with rain,  
    and you make the young plants grow.  
**11**You start the new year with a good harvest.  
    You end the year with many crops.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+65&version=ERV#fen-ERV-14618a)]  
**12**The desert and hills are covered with grass.  
**13**The pastures are covered with sheep.  
    The valleys are filled with grain.  
    Everything is singing and shouting for joy.

#### To the director: A song of praise.

**66**Everything on earth, shout with joy to God!  
**2**Praise his glorious name!  
    Honor him with songs of praise!

( difference between praise and thanksgiving )

David gives a precedent how to Worship God. Remember how great his works are. Of course nothing can be greater than our salvation. God you have rescued me from my sins. You have give me a sinner your salvation. His enemies will have defeat. )

( He remembers God gives trials. But rescues us from it. He tests us like silver is tested in fire.) he now brings sacrifices . Burnt sacrifices. ) He finishes with his testimony. He says I cried for God. God listened to him)   
**3**Tell God, “Your works are wonderful!  
    Your great power makes your enemies bow down in fear before you.  
**4**Let the whole world worship you.  
    Let everyone sing praises to your name.” *Selah*

**5**Look at what God has done!  
    These things amaze us.  
**6**He changed the sea to dry land,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2066&version=ERV#fen-ERV-14626a)]  
    and his people went across the water[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2066&version=ERV#fen-ERV-14626b)] on foot.  
    So let’s celebrate because of what he has done!  
**7**He rules the world with his great power.  
    He watches people everywhere.  
    No one can rebel against him. *Selah*

**8**People, praise our God.  
    Sing loud songs of praise to him.  
**9**He continues to give us life,  
    and he keeps us from falling.  
**10**God, you have tested us, as people test silver with fire.  
**11**You let us be trapped.  
    You put heavy burdens on us.  
**12**You let our enemies run over us.  
    We went through fire and water,  
    but you brought us to a safe place.  
**13-14**So I bring sacrifices to your Temple.  
When I was in trouble, I asked for help  
    and made promises to you.  
Now I am giving you what I promised.  
**15**    I bring my best sheep as burnt offerings.  
I offer the smoke from them up to you.  
    I give you sacrifices of bulls and goats. *Selah*

**16**All you people who worship God,  
    come and I will tell you what he has done for me.  
**17-18**I cried out to him for help,  
    and I praised him.  
If I had been hiding sin in my heart,  
    the Lord would not have listened to me.  
**19**But God did listen to me;  
    he heard my prayer.  
**20**Praise God!  
    He did not turn away from me—he listened to my prayer.  
    He continues to show his love to me!

#### To the director: With instruments. A song of praise.

**67**God, show mercy to us and bless us.  
    Please accept us! *Selah*

**2**Let everyone on earth learn about you.  
    Let every nation see how you save people.  
**3**May people praise you, God!  
    May all people praise you.  
**4**May all nations rejoice and be happy  
    because you judge people fairly.  
    You rule over every nation.  
**5**May the people praise you, God!  
    May all people praise you.  
**6**God, our God, bless us.  
    Let our land give us a great harvest.  
**7**May God bless us,  
    and may all people on earth fear and respect him.

# **Easy-to-Read Version**

#### To the director: To the tune “The Lilies.” A song of David.

**69**God, save me from all my troubles!  
    The rising water has reached my neck.  
**2**I have nothing to stand on.  
    I am sinking down, down into the mud.  
I am in deep water,  
    and the waves are about to cover me.  
**3**I am getting weak from calling for help.  
    My throat is sore.  
I have waited and looked for your help  
    until my eyes are hurting.  
**4**I have more enemies than the hairs on my head.  
    They hate me for no reason.  
    They try hard to destroy me.  
My enemies tell lies about me.  
    They say I stole from them  
    and they demand that I pay for things I did not steal.  
**5**God, you know my faults.  
    I cannot hide my sins from you.  
**6**My Lord God All-Powerful, don’t let me embarrass your followers.  
    God of Israel, don’t let me bring disgrace to those who worship you.  
**7**My face is covered with shame.  
    I carry this shame for you.  
**8**My own brothers treat me like a stranger.  
    They act as if I came from a foreign land.  
**9**My strong devotion to your Temple is destroying me.  
    Those who insult you are also insulting me.  
**10**When I spend time crying and fasting,  
    they make fun of me.  
**11**When I wear sackcloth to show my sorrow,  
    they tell jokes about me.  
**12**They talk about me in public places.  
    The beer drinkers make up songs about me.  
**13**As for me, Lord, this is my prayer to you:  
    Please accept me!  
God, I want you to answer me with love.  
    I know I can trust you to save me.  
**14**Pull me from the mud,  
    and don’t let me sink down deeper.  
Save me from those who hate me.  
    Save me from this deep water.  
**15**Don’t let the waves drown me.  
    Don’t let the deep sea swallow me  
    or the grave close its mouth on me.  
**16**Answer me, Lord, from the goodness of your faithful love.  
    Out of your great kindness turn to me and help me!  
**17**Don’t turn away from your servant.  
    I am in trouble, so hurry and help me!  
**18**Come save my soul.  
    Rescue me from my enemies.  
**19**You know the shame I have suffered.  
    You know all my enemies.  
    You saw how they humiliated me.  
**20**I feel the pain of their insults.  
    The shame makes me feel like dying!  
I wanted some sympathy,  
    but there was none.  
I waited for someone to comfort me,  
    but no one came.  
**21**They gave me poison, not food.  
    They gave me vinegar, not wine.  
**22**Their tables are covered with food.  
    Let their fellowship meals destroy them.  
**23**Let them go blind and their backs become weak.  
**24**Show them how angry you are.  
    Let them feel what your anger can do.  
**25**Make their homes empty.  
    Don’t let anyone live there.  
**26**They try to hurt people you have already punished.  
    They tell everyone about the suffering you gave them.  
**27**Punish them for the bad things they have done.  
    Don’t show them how good you can be.  
**28**Erase their names from the book of life.  
    Don’t let their names appear on the list of those who do what is right.  
**29**I am sad and hurting.  
    God, lift me up and save me!  
**30**I will praise God’s name in song.  
    I will honor him by giving him thanks.  
**31**The Lord will be happier with this  
    than with the offering of an ox or a full-grown bull as a sacrifice.  
**32**Poor people, you came to worship God.  
    You will be happy to know these things.  
**33**The Lord listens to poor, helpless people.  
    He does not turn away from those who are in prison.  
**34**Praise him, heaven and earth!  
    Sea and everything in it, praise him!  
**35**God will save Zion.  
    He will rebuild the cities of Judah.  
The people will settle there again and own the land.  
**36**    The descendants of his servants will get that land.  
    Those who love his name will live there.

**To the director: A song of David to help people remember.**

**70**Please, God, rescue me!  
    Lord, hurry and help me!  
**2**People are trying to kill me.  
    Please disappoint them.  
    Humiliate them!  
They want to hurt me.  
    Make them run away in shame.  
**3**May those who make fun of me  
    be too embarrassed to speak.  
**4**But may those who come to you  
    be happy and rejoice.  
May those who love being saved by you  
    always be able to say, “Praise God!”[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+70&version=ERV#fen-ERV-14720a)]

**5**I am only a poor, helpless man.  
    God, please hurry to me.  
You are my helper, the one who can save me.  
    Lord, don’t be too late!