

“Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of your wonders. From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy.” Psalms 65:8 NLT

## lectio // Psalm 65:8-13

These passages written in David's Psalms (which is a collection of writings from many authors) is so poetically beautiful. This captures not only the cyclical and seasonal glory of God, it also shows glimpses of constant, rich provision and bountiful vistas of God's grandeur. We, as humans, get to stand in awe! The writer doesn't just speak of provision out of necessity, but flourishing abundance of gorgeous landscape. “The grasslands of the wilderness become a lush pasture, and the hillsides blossom with joy.” When we see a super bloom or a hillside on fire with vibrant color, we are not feeding our stomachs, but our souls. This inspires shouts of joy! If you've ever hiked a trail, ran on the sands of an ocean shore or stared over a lake at sunset you know what David is writing about. All we can do is take it in, stand in awe and let our heart shout with joy. This is God's work, for us. Savor it, protect it, enjoy it.

## oratio

Dad,

I have not experienced every view from the ends of the earth, but I have experienced enough to know how amazing this faded shadow, called Earth can be. These moments, these views feed my soul. All I see is your wonder and I am always left in awe of you. Your provision for me is not just food to survive but beauty to thrive.

## contemplatio

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root