

Psalm 119:65

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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The phrase **dealt well** (טוֹב עֲשִׂית, tov asita)—literally 'you have done good'—acknowledges God's faithful goodness demonstrated in the psalmist's experience. The address **thy servant** (עֲבָדֶךָ, avdekha) expresses covenant relationship and humble submission, recognizing that any good received flows from grace, not merit.

According unto thy word (כִּדְבָּרֶךָ, kidvarekha) is crucial—God's goodness aligns perfectly with His promises. He is neither arbitrary nor stingy but faithfully executes what He has spoken. This grounds assurance: God's character guarantees His word's fulfillment. Romans 8:28 echoes this confidence—God works all things together for good according to His purpose, not our preferences. The believer can testify to God's goodness even before all promises are fulfilled because His word is trustworthy.

Historical Context

Israel's confession 'The LORD is good' pervaded worship (Psalms 100:5, 106:1, 107:1, 118:1). Yet this goodness was often questioned during suffering—Job's friends assumed suffering proved sin; the exile seemed to contradict God's covenant promises. This verse affirms that even in affliction, God deals well with His servants according to His word. His goodness isn't measured by immediate comfort but by covenant faithfulness.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. Can you genuinely testify that God has 'dealt well' with you, even when circumstances have been difficult?
2. How does recognizing that God's goodness operates 'according to His word' protect against both presumption and despair?
3. What specific ways has God demonstrated His goodness in your life that align with His biblical promises?

Interlinear Text

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well	TETH	Thou	hast	dealt	H5973	with	thy	servant	O LORD
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כְּדִבְרָךְ:

according unto thy word

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 13:6 (References Lord): I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

Psalms 119:17 (Word): Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

Psalms 30:11 (Parallel theme): Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

Psalms 116:7 (References Lord): Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

Psalms 18:35 (Parallel theme): Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

1 Chronicles 29:14 (Parallel theme): But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

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