

# Psalm 65:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

## Analysis

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The year being crowned with God's 'goodness' depicts harvest as divine coronation of time. 'Thy paths drop fatness' indicates that wherever God's providence moves, abundance follows. This language of path and fatness anticipates the good Shepherd leading beside still waters (Psalm 23:2), showing God's paths always lead to provision.

## Historical Context

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The agricultural year's cycle from planting through harvest represented God's faithfulness to creation ordinances (Genesis 8:22). Crowning the year with goodness celebrated harvest completion, requiring annual acknowledgment of dependence.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does viewing the year's blessings as God's 'crown' shape gratitude for temporal provisions?

2. What does abundance following God's 'paths' teach about obedience and blessing?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 65:6** (Parallel theme): Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:

**Joel 2:22** (Parallel theme): Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

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