

Psalms 65:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

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

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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

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

יִרְעֻפוּ	נָא	וְעַל	וְיִשְׂמְחוּ	וְעַל
They drop	upon the pastures	of the wilderness	rejoice	and the little hills
H7491	H4999	H4057	H1524	H1389

וְעַל כָּל צִדָּהּ:
on every side
H2296

Additional Cross-References

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.