



Let the Nations Praise You

Psalm 67
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- **THE BIG IDEA:** The purpose of missions and evangelism is that God is glorified amongst the nations. As the people of God go out into the world and proclaim the truths of the Gospel, we become a joy-filled community that lives to the praise of the Lord Jesus Christ. The blessings of God given to His people is a foretaste of the greater blessing that is to come.

Psalm 67 (NASB95)

67 God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us—*Selah*.

2 That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations. 3 Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy; For You will judge the peoples with uprightness And guide the nations on the earth. *Selah*.

5 Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. 6 The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us. 7 God blesses us, That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

A Pleading People (Verse 1)

- + Verse 1 is inspired by the **Aaronic** blessing in Numbers 6
- + In order for anyone to be blessed of God, they must first receive **mercy** from God.
- + The Gospel is a gracious, merciful message to lost sinners
- + Without mercy, there is no **salvation**.

A Joy-filled People (Verses 2-4)

- We long for the day when the **nations** gather in worship.
- The fullness of joy that is experienced through worship happens in **community**.
 - "When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, 'Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.'" - Acts 11:18
- "Missions exist because **worship** doesn't." - John Piper
- Only at the cross can true **joy** be found.

An Anticipating People (Verses 5-7)

- Those that have trusted the past and present faithfulness of God look forward with eager expectation to what God will do in the future.
- The whole of **creation** will benefit from the return of Christ.
- The return of Christ is the **coronation** day of all believers.
- God is the God of the impossible and that impossible includes the reaching of the nations with the Gospel.

"When we evangelize, our trust must be in God who raises the dead. He is the almighty Lord who turns men's hearts, and He will give conversions in His own time. Meanwhile, our part is to be faithful in making the Gospel known, sure that such labor will never be in vain. This is how the truth of the sovereignty of God's grace bears upon evangelism."

J.I. Packer
