

Rhema Christian Center  
Triumphant Tuesday - Bible Study  
Psalm Chapter 67  
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## **Theme: Blessed to Be a Blessing**

### Psalm 67

For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

Introduction: "Be gracious, O God, So That Your Ways May Be Known On Earth."

No other Psalm captures more clearly and simply the grand vision that God is the God of all people and nations, that he wants all of them to embrace him, and that he wants his own people to mediate that blessing to the nations.

The psalm is rooted in God's promise to Abraham that he would bless him and his descendants so that they would be a blessing to others (Gen.12:2-3). God promised the Israelites at Sinai that he could make them a "kingdom of priest" (Exod 19:6), i.e. the nation as a whole would function as intermediaries between God and the nations.

The Apostle Paul echoes the sentiment that God invites all gentiles to respond to his call ( Rom.1:5).

### **Psalm 1-2**

**1.) May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us 2.) so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

- The psalm begins with a prayer asking God to bless his people. It is almost a word-for-word repetition of the first part of the Aaronic Blessing in Num.6:24-26, with the important difference that here the people are asking for the blessing themselves instead of the priest pronouncing it upon them.
    - And here a critical word change in the Hebrew highlights the people's role in bringing God's blessing in the nations: "on us" may denote "among us."
    - The people are asking God to shine among them, radiating his light and truth outward as a testimony to the nations, precisely so that his ways and his salvation would be known everywhere (v2).
  
  - God...Bless Us...That Thy Way May be Known Upon Earth
    - This psalm speaks of God's plan for His people when He first called Abraham (Gen.12:1-3; Num. 6:24).
1. God chose this man so that through his descendants, He might become known to the nations of the world.
    - a. He intended that Israel's reception and enjoyment of His grace and blessings would cause the heathen nations to take notice, so that they might praise Him and accept His ways to truth and righteousness.
  2. New Testament believers should pray that God will bless them and their families with His presence, love, grace, guidance, salvation, healing power, and fullness of the Spirit, in order that the lost might seek Christ's truth and salvation (Mat. 5:14-16).
  3. The key to effective evangelism and mission work is the blessing of God and richly poured out on His people (vv.2,7).

- a. This blessing is described in the N.T. as the “promised Holy Spirit” (Gal. 3:14) sent forth by the Father into our hearts (Gal. 4:6).
- b. Through this spirit living within us, proclamation to the nations will achieve its desired results (Acts 1:8).

Vs.2 TPT “Send us out all over the world so that everyone everywhere will discover your ways and know who you are and see your power to save.”

Could the Psalm writer look across the years to see the Gospel go throughout the earth?

This psalm surely speaks of the fulfillment of the great commission (Mat. 28:18-20), when Jesus commanded that the Gospel be taken to all nations.

- Count yourself among the great crowd of believers worldwide who know the savior, praise him for his Good News, and share that Gospel until there is an abundant harvest.

### **Psalm 3-5 NIV**

**3.) May the people praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. 4.) May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the people with equity and guide the nations of the earth. 5.) May the people praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.**

Five of the seven poetic lines in this section are prayers that the nations would respond to God and praise him.

The sentiment here is the polar opposite of Jonah's myopic worldview: Jonah resented God's blessing on a foreign nation (Jonah 4).

The two poetic lines (*4b-c*) "for you rule the people with equity and guide the nations of the earth",

give the reasons the people should praise God: he is a good and just God.

**TPT 4b-c "They will sing, they will shout, for you give true justice to the people. Yes! You, Lord, are the shepherd of the nations!"**

Vs. 5 repeats v.3, adding urgency and emphasis to the prayer that all peoples will praise God.

**Psalm 6-7 TPT The harvest of the earth is here!**

**God, the very God we worship, keeps us satisfied as his banquet of blessings. And the blessings keep coming! Then all the ends of the earth will give him the honor he deserves and be in awe of him!**

- Every verse in this psalm mentions God's relationship with the entire globe.
  - The intended audience of this message spans the world.
  - God repeatedly spoke to and through his people about his love for all nations.
  - Read this psalm with the realization that it was written for and about **YOU!**

## 7 Blessings of the Atonement: Steve Munsey

“The tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you.”

(Leviticus 23:17)

Steven Munsey explores the significance of the ancient Hebrew commemoration called the Day of Atonement, a special day set aside to honor God for what he has done. In this book Munsey explains how, not only the Israelites, but believers today - nearly 3,500 years after the day of fasting, prayer, and offering began, can claim the seven specific, “supernatural” atonement blessings that are promised in( Joel 2)

- 1.A double portion
- 2.Financial abundance
- 3.Restoration
- 4.Miracles
- 5.God’s divine presence
- 6.Blessings upon Your family
- 7.Deliverance

Whatever God promised to His covenant people in the Old Testament also holds true for the New Testament believers, those covered by the “better covenant”.

Through Jesus Christ, we have been atoned, once and for all, so prepare to unleash the Day of Atonement blessings in your life TODAY!

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