



**God's Ultimate Purpose
God has never Changed!
His Plans Are Ontrack!
Psalm 67**

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Psalm 67:title–7

“For the music director; with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song. **God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us— Selah** That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise You, God; May all the peoples praise You. **May the nations be glad and sing for joy; For You will judge the peoples with fairness And guide the**



nations on the earth. Selah May the peoples praise You, God; May all the peoples praise You. The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us. God blesses us, So that all the ends of the earth may fear Him.” (NASB 2020)

We are still reviewing those various psalms written by David while operating in his role as a prophet. We have reviewed his psalms written for the remnant at the end of the age, post Armageddon, and for those who are living in the kingdom, with Jesus on the throne.

David believes all the Lord has shown him and he is anticipating being present in that day and age where the King of the universe is sitting on the throne here on earth. He expects to be part of the Kingdom Age. This is another of those songs. It is short. The shortest of all of these kingdom related psalms.

This millennial psalm is referred to by some as a missionary psalm “since it looks forward to the rule of God over Jews and Gentiles (cf. Ac 28:28).” (VanGemeren 2008, 509)

At the point in time that it was written, the dealings of God with the nations surrounding Israel was not exactly as the Lord wanted it to be. “God wanted Israel to enjoy the fullest blessings of fellowship with Him in this life, and thus be a living witness of this to the nations around them. Israel, for the most part, failed God’s purposes during the fifteen hundred years of its Old Testament career, and that is one reason why relatively few stories of evangelistic outreach to foreign nations appear in the Bible text (Jonah). God did not overlook these foreign nations, but neither was He able to use His chosen nation, Israel, to the extent that He had desired.” (Jensen 1978, 44)

The most notable of those evangelistic efforts was the book of Jonah and in that case, it was the prophet who failed as he tried to run from what God wanted him to do.

Jonah ran away from the task of reaching the nations, most notably, Nineveh and the Assyrian Empire, and opted to head for the hills, but God forced the issue and he spent three days and nights in time out in a rather sizeable fish. God’s grace was evident in the story as Jonah finally repented of his sinful desire to see Nineveh eternally condemned and brought God’s mercy to the people of Nineveh. His three days in the fish became a sign used by Jesus.

Jesus was faithful where Jonah was not. He did what the Father wanted and through His sacrifice on the cross reconciled the nations back to the Lord. He was in the grave three nights and days before He walked out of the grave.

There were those times where Israel was faithful. “Israel was to go up to Jerusalem to the temple and invite the world to come with her to worship. But the church is to begin at Jerusalem and go to the ends of the earth. In other words, the church is to take the gospel to the world, and Israel was to invite the world to come and share in the revelation of God in the temple. Israel was to bear witness to the living and true God as a nation in a world of polytheism, of many gods. And the church is to bear witness to a resurrection, and the living Savior, as individuals to all the nations in a world of atheism. Now, Israel fulfilled her God-given purpose to a certain extent, which is evidenced by the number of Gentiles who came to Jerusalem to worship and to know God through the service of the temple there. The measuring rod for the success of the church is the number of tribes and nations to whom we carry the gospel today. (McGee 1997, 423-424)

When Israel was faithful, the nations did indeed come. But when they were not faithful, which was most of the time, they did not see that taking place. No different than what we see in the church today.

Churches that are faithful to the word and to the mission of making disciples, grow. But those which have turned away from the Lord are not. Some may look like they are, but I am talking about true believers, not



those who are chasing after another Jesus who will make them healthy and prosperous while leaving them in their sin.

Even the world knows the difference between empty religion and true faith in Christ that shakes the world. This was a problem for Israel, representing the King and this problem continues for us today as the church. Satan has been behind all of it and the world is indeed watching.

Non-Christian people are watching us. We claim to know, to love, and to follow Jesus Christ. We say that he is our Savior, our Lord, and our Friend. “What difference does he make to these Christians?” the world asks searchingly. “Where is their God?” **It may be said without fear of contradiction that the greatest hindrance to evangelism in the world today is the failure of the church to supply evidence in her own life and work of the saving power of God. Rightly may we pray for ourselves that we may have God’s blessing and mercy and the light of his countenance—not that we may then monopolize his grace and bask in the sunshine of his favor, but that others may see in us his blessing and his beauty, and be drawn to him through us.** (Stott 2003, 59-60)

This is a psalm intended to be sung during the rule and reign of Jesus Christ in the Millennium when indeed all the planet, Jew and Gentile, gather together as one to worship the King.

David begins with God and God’s grace and as he does so he points directly to the Torah and the high priestly blessing. Let’s look at it.

Numbers 6:24–26

“The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD cause His face to shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His face to you, And give you peace.” (NASB 2020)

What David says and is summarizing here in verse 1, most overlook. First of all, he is making and affirming the same statement that Numbers 6:24-26 does, David is also declaring and affirming the trinity by quoting Numbers 6 which also does the same.

Psalms 67:1

“**God be gracious to us** and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us— Selah” (NASB 2020)

Looking to the section of Torah he is quoting, this becomes very apparent. First, the name of God, YAHWEH, is mentioned three times in Deuteronomy.

God is the one who is gracious. He is the one who has made the provision for us to be redeemed. This grace and blessing is only possible from Him as He is indeed the source of it all.

Ephesians 1:3

“Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,**” (NASB 2020)

God is the source of grace so richly provided to us through the work of Jesus Christ. Because of Jesus, He is indeed gracious to us and blessings...we forget what is waiting for us back home where we will spend eternity.

Everything you and I are, is because of Him. God is the source of provision. Even as the armies of Babylon were withdrawing from a destroyed Jerusalem, Jeremiah also made the observation of who the source of all we have is, YAHWEH.



Lamentations 3:22–25

“The LORD’S acts of mercy indeed do not end, For His compassions do not fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “Therefore I wait for Him.” **The LORD is good to those who await Him, To the person who seeks Him.**” (NASB 2020)

His grace and love makes provision for us so that we can in turn, as stewards of what He has given us, are able to bless others in His name.

Matthew 6:30–34

“But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? **You of little faith! Do not worry then,** saying, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear for clothing?’ For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you. So **do not worry about tomorrow;** for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” (NASB 2020)

Luke 6:35–38

“No! **Love your enemies and do good to them; lend and expect nothing back. You will then have a great reward, and you will be children of the Most High God.** For he is good to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge others, and God will not judge you; do not condemn others, and God will not condemn you; forgive others, and God will forgive you. **Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands—all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you.**” (GNB)

This is not about money; this is about us and how we live. As we do life, are we generous to others because of God’s grace to us? Why is it that the wait staff at my grandmother’s restaurant did not like outspoken Christians? Because they did not tip generously at all.

How do we show our love for the Lord, especially if we have been sitting and talking about the Lord while eating, it might be not worrying whether it is a 10% tip or 15% or 20%.

How do we react when someone asks for our help, do we step up and help. Do we demonstrate our love for those around us where we live?

It could be as simple as taking their trashcan back to their garage after the garbage folks come by before taking yours to the garage.

The Lord has blessed us with His grace so that we can in turn reflect His grace to others as we do life. This is day to day life since we are indeed being watched all of the time by the world.

There is a serious source of grace and blessing from Him we can draw on every single day, His word. When Jesus ran up against the first signs of Mariolatry, He gave us the secret to blessing.

Luke 11:27–28

“While Jesus was saying these things, one of the women in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that carried You, and the breasts at which You nursed!” But He said, “On the contrary, **blessed are those who hear the word of God and follow it.**” (NASB 2020)

The Father is who David is speaking about here first in this psalm, in agreement with what Moses wrote in Numbers 6:24. Then there is the Son, that is part two.



Psalm 67:1 “God be gracious to us and **ble**ss us, And cause His face to shine upon us— Selah” (NASB 2020)

Numbers 6:25

“**The LORD cause His face to shine on you**, And be gracious to you;” (NASB 2020)

This is a reference to Jesus Christ. God provided a face for Himself so we could see Him. That face is Jesus Christ and He is the one the Father intends to use to pour His grace onto us and to bless us. Jesus is the channel of blessing to all of us.

Philip struggled with the idea of Jesus fully reflecting all aspects of the Father and as Jesus was approaching the cross, Philip finally asked the question reflecting the elephant in the room for the disciples.

John 14:8–9

“Philip said to Him, “**Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.**” Jesus said to him, “**Have I been with you for so long a time, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? The one who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?**” (NASB 2020)

David here is telling us the source of grace and blessing is the Father yet the instrument He will use to apply that to us is the Son.

Isaiah would later tell us that not only would His own people have difficulty seeing that in Him, but all of us would. Yet Messiah is the one who provides access to the grace and blessing of the Father.

Isaiah 53:1–6

“Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? **For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.** Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. **But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**” (ESV)

Jesus is the one who provided access through His blood to God’s pardon. As we have seen thus far, David has addressed the Father and the Son. He also, by virtue of His reliance on the Torah, now points out the work of the Holy Spirit as well.

Psalm 67:1

“God be gracious to us and bless us, And **cause His face to shine upon us**— Selah” (NASB 2020)

Moses was one of the first we read about who had a shiny face problem. He was spending time with God and he began to reflect God. When we come to Christ, the Holy Spirit comes inside each one who believes and that is also His job, to have us reflect God, Jesus Christ, to the world and we do that through the Holy Spirit as He causes His face to shine upon us.

Moses also, since he was reflecting the glory of God, gives us the first example of the need to be filled with the Spirit and then to be refilled as the world begins to impact us.



Exodus 34:29–35

“When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, **Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.** But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. **And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses’ face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.**” (ESV)

As we pray and spend time with the Lord, His face begins to shine upon us. We are being obedient. As we worship and praise Him we are also being obedient, and we know that God inhabits the praise of His people. Our faces may not physically glow right now.

But people around us as we go out into the world at our job or elsewhere, can see that we have been with the Lord. Yes, just as with Moses, the reflection wears off. It is only a reflection. But a day is coming where we will have glorified bodies and indeed see Him face to face. For now, we rely on the Holy Spirit to cause His face to shine upon us.

To do that effectively means we have to be aware of how we live and do life. We want to be renewed everyday, just like Paul said we needed to be.

Romans 12:1–2

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**” (ESV)

This is not a one-time sacrifice unfortunately. The Greek language used here implies a continuing action that we need to engage in consistently and continually. We are all leaky vessels and the sin nature that is still there is more than problematic.

Ephesians 4:30–5:2

“**And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.** Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. **Therefore be imitators of God**, as beloved children. And **walk in love**, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (ESV)

You and I can cause physical pain to the God of the universe in the person of the Holy Spirit. How do we fix that? Keep short accounts per 1 John 1:9.

1 John 1:9

“**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous, so that He will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**” (NASB 2020)

As we do this, we are once again in obedience to the Lord. The Holy Spirit is now able to once again use and empower us to indeed be imitators of God and to walk in love. And it is the Holy Spirit, as He shines



His face on us, that empowers and enables us to live the walking sacrificial life that Paul was talking about in Romans 12.

It is also the Holy Spirit who, as His face shines on us, gives us peace.

John 14:26–27

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of all that I said to you. Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful.” (NASB 2020)

And yes, as David does this, he is already preparing to worship the King in Jerusalem along with the remnant and all the nations too.

David is seeing and worshipping in the Temple in the Kingdom. Nothing is the same anymore. Haggai wrote about this day.

Haggai 2:6–9

““For this is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: **In just a little while I will again shake the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the dry land. I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple. I will fill this place with glory, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. The future glory of this Temple will be greater than its past glory, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. And in this place I will bring peace.** I, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, have spoken!”” (NLT)

David is in awe of who God is and pauses after declaring praise to all three persons. And this is also a prayer.

The petition, “May God be gracious to you,” is like asking God to show you, a sinner who has rebelled against him, unmerited love and undeserved compassion. It is asking God not only to not give you what you deserve (condemnation) but also to give you what you don’t deserve (mercy). “May God bless you” is likewise a gracious petition for blessing. Even though in our sin we are all due the curse of God’s condemnation, this is an appeal for the blessing of God’s kindness and love. Asking for God to make “his face shine upon us” is like asking for the smile of the holy God of creation. (Platt, Mason and Shaddix 2020, 147)

As we finish verse one, we pause. The intent is to soak it all in, all of who God is in His three persons, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

We pause because, solely considering who He is and making note of that is the beginning, not the end of anything. So, we pause and meditate on Him.

There is a purpose for the grace, the blessing and the peace of His favor shining upon us.

Psalms 67:1–2

“God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us— Selah **That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations.**” (NASB 2020)

In the here and now, He lavishes His grace upon us saving us through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross and empowering us with the Holy Spirit for the purpose stated here in verse 2. It is all to tell the entire planet of His saving power and what He has done for us.



Jesus made this crystal clear with His command to make disciples; we call it the Great Commission. The idea again, to tell the entire planet of His way.

Matthew 28:18–20

“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.** And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (ESV)

Since we are in the Kingdom in this psalm, per David, we now realize that all of this is also because now, His people have been brought back into the land and they are now, the entire remnant, saved.

Because His people are in the land placed there by Him, unlike the regathering we are seeing right now which is a fulfillment of Ezekiel 37:7 & 8 as the nation returns but in unbelief. This is “the regathering in unbelief in preparation for judgment. It is some time after this regathering, after they suffer the judgment of the Tribulation, that they will finally come to see that Jehovah is indeed the God of Israel. At that point, they will know that this Jehovah has revealed himself by means of Yeshua (Jesus) of Nazareth.” (Fruchtenbaum 1983, 8-9)

This is the regathering that takes place after the nation prays for Messiah to return and save them, this is after Armageddon. Now, because His people are there, the blessing is extended for the entire earth. And all the blessings promised by the Lord are now a reality not only for Israel, but for us as well.

Isaiah 49:13

“Shout for joy, you heavens! And rejoice, you earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people And will have compassion on His afflicted.” (NASB 2020)

When God’s people fare poorly, their lot leads the nations to believe that their God cannot provide for them. If, on the other hand, they are blessed, this fact serves as an indication to the nations round about that He is well able to provide for His people’s wants. (Leupold 1959, 486)

And now, with Jesus Christ on the throne, the nation is blessed as is the planet.

Deuteronomy 30:5–6

“The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will be good to you and make you more numerous than your fathers. Moreover, the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the hearts of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and all your soul, so that you may live.” (NASB 2020)

Ezekiel described what this time was to be like. The change that will be seen in His people and the impact that they will have on the entire planet as God Himself regathers His people at the end of the Great Tribulation.

Ezekiel 37:21–28

“And say to them, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says: “Behold, **I am going to take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations, and no longer be divided into two kingdoms.** They will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their offenses; but I will rescue them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. **And they will be My people, and I will be their God. And My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My**



ordinances, and keep My statutes and follow them. And they will live on the land that I gave to My servant Jacob, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons' sons, forever; and **My servant David will be their leader forever. And I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and set My sanctuary in their midst forever. My dwelling place also will be among them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people. And the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.** ' ' ' ' (NASB 2020)

And as David has now stated, the purpose is to tell the entire planet. Zechariah tells us what this will look like.

Zechariah 8:20–23

“The LORD of armies says this: ‘It will yet turn out that peoples will come, that is, the inhabitants of many cities. The inhabitants of one city will go to another, saying, “Let’s go at once to plead for the favor of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of armies; I also will go.” **So many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek the LORD of armies in Jerusalem, and to plead for the favor of the LORD.**’ The LORD of armies says this: ‘In those days ten people from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.” ’ ’ ’ ’ (NASB 2020)

The Gentile nations will recognize that this restoration and reunification of Israel, with God’s Temple in the midst of them, means that Israel’s God is indeed the only true God. (Fruchtenbaum, The Messianic Bible Study Collection 1983, 8)

God has not yet given Jesus the go sign yet for Him to get His church. That is because He does indeed want all to be saved. Once the church age ends, Christ’s body is then complete, and He returns to take us to be with Him in the rapture of the church. But the desire is what we see here in the last part of verse 2, “Your salvation among all nations.”

That offer has been out there for all who believe for almost 2,000 years now. And yes, during the Tribulation, there will be millions who come to Jesus, but everything has changed and most will suffer martyrdom (Revelation 7:9-17).

Peter tells us the desire of the Father as well.

2 Peter 3:3–9

“knowing this first of all, that **scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.**” For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. **But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.**” (ESV)

Psalms 67:3–4

“May the peoples praise You, God; May all the peoples praise You. May the nations be glad and sing for joy; For You will judge the peoples with fairness And guide the nations on the earth. Selah” (NASB 2020)



Jesus Christ has returned. You are either for the Lord or were for the Beast and at the point in time that this worship and praise is taking place, those who were for the Beast are no longer with us.

One thing we tend to forget about regarding the Tribulation period, 144,000 Jewish evangelists supernaturally protected busy going to every tongue and nation sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

There have been times of revival and spiritual renewal in the past, but nothing will compare to what will take place during the Tribulation. Great evil, for sure. But I believe that there will be more who come to Christ during the period of time after the rapture of the church than any other time in history.

Sign one, over a billion people disappear suddenly from around the globe. Sign two, as Jesus begins the process of opening the seals, the entire creation falls to their knees and worships. Saved and unsaved alike.

That will make an impression on millions.

Revelation 5:13

“And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”” (ESV)

Don't forget, there will also be two witnesses, Elijah and one other, Moses maybe, or Enoch, or someone else, and they will be testifying for 3 ½ years as well before being killed and while the entire planet is celebrating their death, they both are resurrected and a voice calls them to “Come up here (Revelation 11:1-12).” Live on CNN.

And don't forget the angelic proclamation either.

Revelation 14:6–7

“Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”” (ESV)

What we see here in verse 3 is an event that is not possible to take place until the Great Tribulation is over, Armageddon done, the sheep and goats judgment completed and now, with all those remaining there in Jerusalem, all are believers, we see this.

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Isaiah saw this day as is David. Now that Jesus is on the throne we see this also being fulfilled.

Isaiah 66:18–21

““For I know their works and their thoughts, and **the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain**



Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.” (ESV)

The world is a very different place. Jesus is on the throne ruling the planet from Jerusalem. God is in the Millennial Temple; global conditions are rapidly becoming Edenic as the planet now comes to worship the one true God.

He is now the one who not only inhabits the praise of all of the people, but they now also know, that the days of oppression and unjust rule are forever gone.

The righteous King rules the planet with fairness. Something that has not taken place under human rule on this planet, ever. He is the one who will now guide all the nations.

As we go about our day to day, taking advantage of those opportunities that He gives us to share what Jesus has done for us. It is all in preparation and anticipation of the day the we will all gather before the throne and praise Him.

And as we find ourselves now realizing that He is on the throne and ruling the nations, we once again pause and meditate on what this means. What Isaiah prophesied about, is now fulfilled.

Isaiah 11:2–5

“The LORD’s Spirit will rest on him— a Spirit that gives extraordinary wisdom, a Spirit that provides the ability to execute plans, a Spirit that produces absolute loyalty to the LORD. He will take delight in obeying the LORD. He will not judge by mere appearances, or make decisions on the basis of hearsay. He will treat the poor fairly and make right decisions for the downtrodden of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and order the wicked to be executed. Justice will be like a belt around his waist, integrity will be like a belt around his hips.” (NET 2nd ed.)

This is the all-consuming, final, ultimate, glorious, global purpose of God. God blesses people for the sake of his praise among all peoples. (Platt, Mason and Shaddix 2020, 152)

Here is the thing, God loves us, deeply. He wants to see His best take place in each of our lives. Free will does indeed impact that and many have chosen to have nothing to do with Him. For those of us who believe, even we struggle with remaining obedient and faithful totally surrender to Him to allow Him to do so for us. We also must remember, He is God and made everything.

God’s plan, as we see here in psalm 67, is have the praise of His people. It is not to just bless me, but to bless His people through me as I serve Him. This is where those who push a quid pro quo prosperity gospel God blow it, they make it all about “me” replacing God on the throne with “me.” Welcome to Genesis 3 and the fall, that is nothing new.

It is really all about Him. Why do we want to see others come to Christ? We do so because we desire to see all come to a knowledge of who Jesus is and what He can do in their life so that they will give honor and praise to the King.

John Stott puts it this way. “The greatest incentive in all evangelism is not the need of human beings but the glory of God; not that they shall receive salvation, but that they shall give to God the honor that is due to his name, acknowledging and adoring him for ever. We cannot be content until every convert has become a worshiper.” (Stott 2003, 60)



Psalm 67:5–7

“May the peoples praise You, God; May all the peoples praise You. The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us. God blesses us, So that all the ends of the earth may fear Him.” (NASB 2020)
John Chrysostom asked the question about praise in his sermon on Ephesians 1.

The Divine nature knoweth no want. And wherefore then would He have us praise and glorify Him? It is that our love towards Him may be kindled more fervently within us. He desireth nothing we can render; not our service, not our praise, nor any thing else, nothing but our salvation; this is His object in every thing He does. And he who praises and marvels at the grace displayed towards himself will thus be more devoted and more earnest. (Chrysostom 1889, 52)

How are we doing on reaching the nations around us, the peoples as the text says. The Joshua Project tells us that out of the 16,436 various people groups on this planet, 7,162 are still unreached. That is 43.6%. That is over 3.5 billion people who are still considered unreached. (Joshua Project 2026)

Per the folks at Wycliffe Bible Translators, they are working hard to make certain many of these groups have God’s word in their own language. Right now, 3,100 languages are in the process of being deciphered and God’s word translated. That will impact 2.1 billion of those who are unreached.

But there are still 514 languages that need the work to begin. (Wycliffe Bible Translators 2026)

God desires all to be saved. That is why we have placed out podcast in very places on this planet. That is why we allow Google Translate to provide real time translation of the messages.

The word “peoples,” like “nations,” refers to ethnic, linguistic, and cultural groupings of people. “Tribes” captures the meaning well. “Peoples” occurs in the plural 203 times in the CSB. Tribes live around the world and down the street. They are individuals who share a common language, culture, interests, ideals, and values. Whether a mile away or ten thousand miles away, they need to be confronted with Yahweh, the only God worthy of praise and glory. And they need to hear the message in a way they will understand. (Akin, Hunt and Merida 2021, 161)

David is seeing that day when all of the nations are together and praising the Lord. John Piper makes an observation about praise I tend to agree with.

The reason God seeks our praise is not because he won’t be complete until he gets it. He is seeking our praise because we won’t be happy until we give it. “Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant” (Psalm 147:1). Therefore when we say that missions is the cross-cultural effort to help the peoples praise God, we mean that missions is love not arrogance. Missions is calling the world do what they were created to do, namely, to enjoy making much of God forever. (Piper 2014)

And once again, David ends giving us the prescription for true joy and happiness in this day and age as well as the one he is talking to gathered around the throne in the Kingdom of God.

Psalm 67:7 “God blesses us, So that all the ends of the earth may fear Him.” (NASB 2020)

Let’s pray



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