

Intro: *Measuring Tape vs. Hammer*. Broke it. Didn't work. *Toolbox*. A Psalm for every situation.

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. *A Song*.

1 May God be **gracious** to us and bless us and **make his face to shine** upon us, *Selah*
 2 that your **way** may be known on earth,
 your **saving power** 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 judge the **peoples** with equity
 and guide the **nations** upon earth. *Selah*

5 Let the **peoples praise** you, O God;
 let **all the peoples praise** you!

6 The earth has yielded its **increase**;
God, our God, shall **bless** us.

7 **God** shall **bless us**;
 let **all the ends** of the earth fear him!

Thesis: "God will be praised among all the nations forever"

I. 1-2 - God's Grace (for all nations)

- A. **Grace** = undeserved favor, kindness, generosity
- B. **Shining Face** = Smile
- C. **Way** = **JESUS**. "I am the WAY" **Jn.14:6**
- D. **Saving power** = salvation. Joshua = **JESUS**.
Gospel Power = Jesus. **Rom. 1:16; 8-9**.
- E. ***Is.2:2-4 & Micah 4:1-5*** - swords/plowshare
- F. **Zech.8:20-23** - *Grab a Jew. Let us go!*
- G. ***Titus 2:11-14; 3:5-8*** = "appeared"
- H. **Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8** - *Go to all nations.*

APPLICATION: 1) *Youth Group. Church Lady*. We don't want all these new people to take over. Ne believers are changing everything. Too many.

2) **Church is only organization** that exists primarily for the people who are not currently members/a part.

ILLUSTRATION: "Gospel is the power of God" "with great power comes great responsibility." "Missions exist because worship doesn't." "Let nations be glad"

II. 3-5 - God's Praise (from all nations)

- A. **Peoples & Nations**. "All of them."
- B. **Praise. Glad. Singing for Joy!**
- C. *He's worth it. Deserves it.*
- D. **Rev.6:9-10; 7:9-12** - *Unity/Diversity. Praise.*
- E. **Ps.22:27-28** - *Worship brings us together.*

APPLICATION: 1) **Diverse worship**. Not just age. Ethnicities & nations. Heavenly worship! Cultural. Why? It's a testimony and demonstration of the Gospel.

2) **Peace/Reconciliation is only really in the Gospel.**

ILLUSTRATION: **Swords+Plowshares**. *Isaiah/Micah*. *World & CRT & parties & policies can't do it. Love.*

III. 6-7 - God's Blessing (on all nations)

- A. **God** - generic term for God of universe/creation
- B. **Blessing** - God's favor, grace, presence, promises, covenant, relationship, eternity.
- C. ***Numbers 6:22-27*** = For God's people
- D. ***Gen.12:1-3; 17:1-7*** - Abrahamic Covenant
- E. **Hosea 2:23; 1Pet.2:9-10**. God's people.
- F. **Gal.3:14** - Blessing of Abraham on Gentiles.

ILLUSTRATION:

APPLICATION: 1) **This was always for His People**. From all people/nations. **Rom. ch.10-11**

2) **If you're not a Jew**, you're part of nations. You're a part of that blessing. Others too. **PRAISE. JOY!**

Romans 1

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. **9** For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you

Zechariah 8

20 "Thus says the Lord of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, even the inhabitants of many cities. **21** The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, 'Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the Lord and to seek the Lord of hosts; I myself am going.' **22** Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the Lord. **23** Thus says the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"

Rev. 5

9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. **10** They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

Rev.7

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **10** and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" **11** And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, **12** saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Psalm 22

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.
28 For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.
and I will sow her for myself in the land.

Hosea 2:23

And I will have mercy on No Mercy,
and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people';
and he shall say, 'You are my God.'"

1 Peter 2

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Gen. 12:1-3

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Gen. 17:1-7

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." 3 Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, 4 "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. 8 And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

Gen. 22:15-18

15 And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16 and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Number 6:21-27

21 "This is the law of the Nazirite. But if he vows an offering to the Lord above his Nazirite vow, as he can afford, in exact accordance with the vow that he takes, then he shall do in addition to the law of the Nazirite." 22 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, 24 The Lord bless you and keep you; 25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you 26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. 27 "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

Hosea 2:21-23

21 "And in that day I will answer, declares the Lord, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth, 22 and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil, and they shall answer Jezreel, 23 and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people'; and he shall say, 'You are my God.'"

1 Peter 2:9-10

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Galatians 3:7-14

7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. 10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." 12 But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.