

Let the Nations Be Glad Notes

Psalm 67

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Main Point: God blesses His people, not so we can hoard His goodness, but so we can herald His glory among the nations.

A Prayer of God's Blessing (vs 1)

1. The first request is to ask God to "be _____" to us.
 - This word means "_____ favor" and has the idea of receiving God's compassionate kindness, not because we deserve it, but because we don't.
2. The second request is to ask God to "_____ us" by providing His peace, protection, and provision.
3. The third request is to ask God to "make His face to _____ upon us."
 - The word "shine" means "to light up with a _____."
 - If you are a born-again believer, Zephaniah 3:17 says God not only smiles at you; He also breaks out into _____ when He thinks about you.
 - Even our prayers are not to be ultimately focused on ourselves, but on others (Psalm 67:2).
 - The face of God shines on us, so the fame of God can shine _____ us to others.

The Promise of God Among the Nations

1. In Hebrew, the word "peoples" refers to _____, ethnic groups, or tribes.
2. It's not just "lots of individuals," but all the different people groups of the earth.
3. One reason we're committed as a church to the Great Commission is because we want to see more people gladly give _____ to God (Psalm 97:1).

The Provision of God for His People

1. When we put God's priorities first in our lives, God will provide for us (vs. 6).
2. God made it clear throughout the Old Testament that obedience leads to _____ (Leviticus 26:3-4).
3. Isaiah 1:19 says, "If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land."
4. Haggai 1:6 shows what happens when we don't put God first.
5. If we put our purposes above God's priorities, we will never get what we're after.
6. Only God can _____ your soul.
7. The tense of the phrase, "looked for much," indicates they were continually looking for more stuff to put in their buckets.
8. Don't miss who is behind their difficulties.
9. The word "ruins" refers to dry and _____.
10. To "busy themselves" means they were "running each to his own _____."

11. It has the idea of excitement, _____, and urgency.
12. It was used of horses running at full gallop.
13. They loved being busy with their own business so much so that they stopped doing God's _____.

The Purpose of God's Blessings (vs 6-7)

1. We are blessed in order to bless the ends of the earth.
2. The purpose for this blessing is for all the ends of the earth to "_____ Him."

Action Steps

1. Pray Psalm 67 every day between now and our Go Conference.
2. Register for Go Con today.
3. Sign up for a Growth Group for seven weeks if you're not in one yet.
4. Commit or recommit ourselves to give at least that basic 10% God asks from all of us.
5. Financially partner with one of our Go Team partners.
6. Identify a blessing you've been hoarding and use it to help someone else.
7. Read a book on missions.
8. Go on a short-term mission trip.
9. Befriend someone from another culture.
10. Attend the Unreached Prayer Night on Monday at 7 PM.