CP - 7/17/22

Psalms of Summer

Psalm 67 - The Missionary Prayer of God's People

Ask the Pastors - "gods of the nations"

- Ps 96:5 - Deut 32:16–17 - 1 Chron 16:25–26 - 1 Cor 10:20 - Isa 46:9, Jer 10:10–11 - Rev 9:20 - 1 Cor 8:4–5 - Ps 106:34-38

## Flow of Psalm 67

\*Prayer for God's blessing (67:1–2)

\*Prayer for all peoples on earth (67:3)

\*Prayer for God's rule (67:4)

\*Prayer for all peoples on earth (67:5)

\*Prayer for God's blessing (67:6–7)

- 1. "God, bless us so the nations may know You." (1–2)
  - \*Num 6:24-26
  - \*Gen 12:1-3
  - \*We cannot take a God we do not know to the nations.
  - \*One reason we should want more of God is for the nations to know Him.
- 2. "God, let all peoples joy in praising You as King" (3–5)
  - "Peoples" ethnic people groups
  - "There is a place where He is not worshipped."
  - Let Your kingdom come
- 3. "God, we humbly expect You to work from here to the ends of the earth." (6–7)

"For my own part, I have never ceased to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office. People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. . . . Is that a sacrifice which brings its own blest reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? Away with the word in such a view, and with such a thought! It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say rather it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger, now and then, with a foregoing of the common conveniences and charities of this life, may make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver, and the soul to sink; but let this only be for a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall be revealed in and for us. I never made a sacrifice." - David Livingstone, 12/4/1857 to Cambridge University students

"If a commission by an earthly king is considered an honor, how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?" - Livingstone