

Psalm 67

“God’s Mission is His Praise”

Big idea: God blesses His people so that His salvation will be known among the nations, resulting in the worship and praise of God.

“Missions exists because worship doesn’t” — John Piper

Worship is the main goal of the church. And missions exists because worship does not.

1. God — The Source of the Mission (1a)

- “May God be gracious to us, may His face shine upon us”
- Missions begins with God, not us.
- God created man to worship

2. Us — The Stewards of the Mission (1b)

- those who were created to worship but because of sin were not
- Us in this direct context is Israel
- God answered their prayer
- Now the church is the steward of God’s mission

3. Christ — The Substance of the Mission (2)

- “your way”
 - *John 14:6— “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”*
- “Your saving power”
 - *Luke 2:30-32— “my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence for all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory of your people Israel”*
- Christ is who came to create worshippers.
 - *John 4:23— “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.”*

4. The Nations — The Scope of the Mission (2)

- those who were even outside the camp of Israel
- **Declared**— *Genesis 18:18 — seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him*
- **Petitioned**— *Psalm 67*
- **Commissioned** — *Matthew 28:19— “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”*
- **Fulfilled** — *Revelation 7:9-10— “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, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb”*

5. Praise — The Success of the Mission (3-5)

- praise = joyful declaration of God’s worth, celebrating who He is and what He has done
 - Recognition and response
 - Gladness and joyful singing

