

When You Need to Become Concerned about Worldwide Evangelism

Psalm 67

Why do you want God's blessings? Why do you ask for them? Why does God bless his children with abundance?

Take a minute and think about this.

It would seem that there are at least two reasons.

1. _____.

Although he never wants his children to love and worship the blessings more than the blesser, we should not love the created things more than the creator himself. That's called idolatry.

2. He wants "various nations on the face of the earth come to the point where they recognize the futility of their own gods and the supremacy of the only God, the God of Israel."¹

- *The major theme of the Psalm is the importance of Yahweh's blessing Israel for the peoples of the world.*
- *"that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations."²*

The prayer for _____, v 1.

The reason for the prayer, v 2.

1. The nations may _____ the benefit.

2. You may _____ the benefit.

¹ Leupold, *Psalms*, p. 487.

²*The New International Version*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

⁴“Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness leads you toward repentance?”³

The aim and hope of the prayer, 3, 5.

The concern for _____.

Other persons.

Other people groups.

Is this why you want God to bless you?

Or do you pray for blessings for selfish reasons?

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.⁴

The result of the prayer granted, v 4.

1. “ _____ ”
2. A “ _____ ”—***things will be right and fair.***
3. A “ _____ ,” ***Psalm 23:3.***

The reprise theme of the Psalm, 6, 7.

“all the ends of the earth will fear him.”⁵

Does your _____ with the Psalm writer’s?

Who is God?	What has he said?	What has he done?	What does that mean to me?

³*The New International Version*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984; Romans 2: 4.

⁴*The New International Version*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984; James 4:3.

⁵*The New International Version*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.