

# Strengthened by God's Word

## Psalm 67

"Let the Nations Rejoice"— June 26, 2022



### **Introduction**

One of the things that God helps us to see in this psalm is the blessing and privilege we have when we experience His grace and share that with others.

This is a missional psalm. It emphasizes the worship of God and the spread of the gospel to all nations. Yet it has a personal dimension. In the beginning of the psalm, the writer asks for God's blessing, and it ends with the writer expecting a blessing. We are to be a blessing to the nations by spreading God's Word. God's blessing comes to God's people so that God's salvation might be known throughout the earth.

### **Pray**

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response. To help, use [Psalm 119:33-40](#) as a prayer for God to open His word up to you.

### **Sermon Outline**

1. Petition God for His blessings. Vs. 1-2
2. Praise and worship His goodness. Vs. 3 - 5
3. Display His glory that all may fear Him. Vs. 6-7

### **Read & Discuss**

#### **1) Read vs. 1 - 2**

God's blessing is rooted in His grace. There is nothing we can accomplish apart from God's grace. Grace is undeserved. ([Ephesians 1:5-6](#); [Titus 2:11](#); [Ephesians 2:8](#)) We need the favorable presence of God.

God's blessing is for the individual, but it is also for us as a corporate body - the people of God. The aim of God's blessing is that His way in salvation be made known to all nations. This is accomplished by His people working together. There are no Lone Ranger Christians. We need each other.

We should live and pray and serve so that others will know the joyful news that there is a way back to God. How is your prayer life? What do you pray about? Do you ask God to bless you so that you may use those gifts to share the Gospel?

#### **2) Read vs. 3 - 5**

God wants us to be a people that will go out in joy to get other people to praise God. We can't show how great it is to be a Christian if we are not joyful. We are supposed to be the genuine thing!! Are there circumstances in your life that seem to be robbing you of joy? We are the bridge to bring the Gospel. Our joy in Christ reflects that.

We can be filled with joy because He is our delight. He is a good God. He is a just God. We can take joy in Him and be glad about Him. This is the God we serve.

Every tongue and every nation will be represented at the throne. We must pray, go, and send so that others may know. ([Romans 10:14-15](#)) With whom can you share the gospel tomorrow, this week, this month? Has there been an occasion when someone noticed something "different" about you which gave you an opportunity to share the gospel with them?

**Additional Reading: Psalm 96; Revelation 7:9-10; Matthew 28:18-20;**

### 3) Read vs. 6 - 7

God has made a way for us to participate with Him. Even if we make mistakes, God is still in control. His word will go forth. God's faithfulness is seen in spite of us sometimes. God is the one who blesses it all. He is the one who causes the increase. ([1 Corinthians 3:6-9](#)) Do you have fears about sharing the gospel? What practical steps can you take to begin to overcome those fears?

God has blessed us. Our good God wants good things for His people. We can trust Him. When the world sees that, they want that. They see that something with us works. Our confidence is in God who controls circumstances.

Jesus is our example of joy even in the worst of circumstances. ([Hebrews 12:2](#))

#### **Prayer of Response**

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand, believe, desire, or do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come.

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<b>*Next week's sermon text:</b> we turn to <a href="#">Genesis 14:1-24</a> "The King of Peace"
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