

WEEK TWO
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Psalms 67:2

that your way

דֶּרֶךְ *derek*

– a road (as trodden); a course of life or mode of action, conversation, manner

may be known

יָדַע *yada`*

– to know (to ascertain by seeing); acknowledge, acquainted with, be aware, comprehend, consider

on earth

אֶרֶץ *'erets*

– the earth, land

your saving power

יְשׁוּעָה *yěshuw`ah*

– something saved, deliverance, aid, victory, prosperity, health, salvation, welfare

among all

כֹּל *kol*

– the whole; all, any or every; whosoever

nations

גּוֹי *gowy*

– a foreign nation; hence, a Gentile; heathen, nation, people

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Last week we spent time focusing on Psalm 67:1, which is a request for God to bless His people. But it is in verse 2 that the thought of verse 1 is completed. Here we are told of God's ultimate plan in blessing His people. What is this plan? That the knowledge and salvation of God would be spread throughout the earth. Habakkuk 2:14 promises:

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Notice that the reason God blesses His people extends far beyond the little nation of Israel. It is God's purpose to be known by *all* peoples on earth. God blesses His people for the sake of the nations. The scope of God's purpose is global.

Last week we paused to thank God for all the ways He has been gracious to us, blessed us, and shown us His favor. Have you considered that God blesses you, so that all people groups on earth might be blessed and receive the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ?

“We need to become global Christians with a global vision, for we have a global God.”

John Stott

- Susan Hooker

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A second truth we see in Psalm 67:1-2 is the process by which God has chosen to make His ways known and to offer His saving power to all nations. God blesses us, His people, so that we will be conduits who receive and then pass on God's blessings to others, beginning with those who are directly in our sphere of influence.

Earlier in the Old Testament, we see this connection between God's blessing and His heart for the world. After the rebellion of mankind, rather than leaving us with no solution to our universal sin problem, God graciously intervened by establishing a covenant with Abraham. God's plan involved establishing a beachhead through the Jewish nation, in order to extend His Kingdom to all people groups.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:1-3

Here is the principle found in the Genesis 12 passage: **God's purpose in blessing Abraham and his offspring was in order that they would be a blessing to all nations.** In Galatians 3:29, Paul tells us that if we are Christ's, we are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. Do you consciously live your life with the understanding of the privilege and obligation that comes with being blessed by God?

When we use the time and resources God has given us to proclaim the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ where we live and throughout the world, we are following God's plan and command. By obeying God, we are twice blessed. First, we are blessed by receiving good things from the hand of God, things that we do not deserve. Second, we are blessed by being able to share with others these good things from God. This completes a divine cycle practiced and mandated by the Creator and Sustainer of all things. Just as important, others are being blessed in the name of God. And, most important, we are exalting and glorifying God.

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God's ultimate purpose in blessing us is so that we will extend the blessing to others, with the end result that God's Kingdom is enlarged and we receive the joy of being involved in His plan.

How would we live our lives differently, if we really grasped the truth that we are blessed to be a blessing? The way we spend our time, the prayers we offer, the way we use our resources, the goals we pursue – how will these change as our hearts begin to beat in sync with God's great purpose that He be known and worshipped and praised by people from every tribe and language group?

“God promises blessing to his people because he wants them to be a blessing to the nations. Therefore we should pray for blessing on ourselves for the sake of the nations. This is not because God does not love us, or is just using us. It's because he loves the nations and because he knows that our joy in all that God is for us increases when it expands into the lives of others.”

John Piper

May God give us His perspective and create in us hearts that yearn for God to be known and praised by people around the globe, for His glory.

- Susan Hooker

