

WEEK THREE
DAY TWO

“Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!”
Psalm 67:3

Let the peoples

עַם `am

– a people(s), nation(s), a tribe(s), men,
figuratively: a flock

praise

יָדָה yadah

– hold out the hand, throw, revere or
worship (with extended hands); to
bemoan, make confession, praise, give
thanks

you, O God;

אֱלֹהִים 'elohiym

– (plural) can mean rulers, judges; in
this case the supreme God

let all

כָּל kol

– the whole; all, any or every;
whosoever

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After beginning the prayer in Psalm 67 with a request for God to pour out His blessings on His people so that God's saving power would be known throughout the earth, the psalmist continues with an earnest plea that all nations would praise God. We know that this prayer will ultimately be answered, because Revelation 7:9-10 tells us:

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!"

Will you pray this prayer emphatically, as the psalmist has done in Psalm 67:3, with a joyful anticipation of the day when we will be gathered – a diverse group from every nation, tribe, people group, and language - before the throne of God where He will receive the praise and honor that is due Him!

*From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.*

*Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Isaac Watts, 1719*

~ Susan Hooker

WEEK THREE
DAY FOUR

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Martin Luther said, "Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of His willingness." Let's pray together today for God's Kingdom to come among the people groups in a specific nation – Afghanistan -- using this information from *Operation World*, a book and website developed to help us pray strategically for each nation of the world to know the joy of God's saving power through Christ.

Afghanistan is one of the least reached countries in the world. There are 48,000 mosques but not a single church building. Pray for the 70 unreached peoples of this land, especially for the following groups:

a) **Pashtuns**. They number over 40% of the Afghan population and are politically dominant. Christians among them remain few. Pray that multitudes might be released from fear, prejudice, the strongholds of Islam, and pride in their tribal code of honor.

b) **Tajiks** in the northeast. Speaking Dari (a form of Persian), they are closely related to the Pashtuns. Some Tajik groups were among the last people to resist the Taliban, yet they remain over 99% Muslim. Pray for their spiritual freedom.

c) **Hazaras**, Shi'a Muslims of Mongol descent who have been severely persecuted through the years and were massacred by the Sunni Taliban. They have demonstrated greater openness to the gospel in recent years.

d) **Uzbeks and Turkmen** of the north have shown encouraging responsiveness as refugees in other lands, but only a tiny proportion are believers.

e) **The six Aimaq tribes** of the west, of nomadic background, and the Baloch and Brahui of the south. There are very few, if any, believers from these isolated groups.

f) **The nine Nuristani tribal groups** in the mountains north and east of Kabul. They speak five languages and 16 dialects; many of these are mutually unintelligible.

g) **The five Ismaili Muslim Pamir people groups and the Kyrgyz** living in isolated valleys in the far northeast, along the high Pamir Mountain range. Ismaili Muslims tend to be more open to the good news; a small community of believers was birthed years ago. Praise God for good distribution of gospel audio materials among the Kyrgyz.

h) **The numerous Dardic people groups** near the volatile border region with Pakistan.

i) **The nomadic Gujar and Jugi/Kuchi/Shorbat** people groups.

Source: <http://www.operationworld.org/afgh>

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WEEK THREE
DAY FIVE

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Psalm 67:3**

This psalm, inspired by the Holy Spirit, commands all the peoples of the earth to praise God. The word “Let” is a word of command, and this praise is also a continuous action—it is as if the inspired psalmist is saying, “God make people praise You and don’t stop praising You!” God Himself ordains our praise (Psalm. 8:2).

Why would God command us to praise Him? Surely He doesn’t need our praise. But O Seeker of God, He knows that you and I need to praise Him, for we need Him. The secret of praise is that “God inhabits the praises of His people” (Psalm 22:3). It is through and in our praises that He Himself comes to dwell with us. I was once in a very dark place having just learned that a painful cancer procedure needed to be repeated. It was a bridge too far. I couldn’t go through it again. I cried out to Him, and He brought this verse to my mind. So, I put on praise music and began to sing to Him in tears, to beg Him through His Word, and He met me in such a real way that I went through that procedure, the subsequent surgeries, and treatment in deep peace.

Perhaps today, you too are in a difficult place, and praise is the very last thing you feel capable of doing. Do you long for His presence, for Him to come near and touch in you, heal broken relationships, your body, your finances, your very heart? Then, dear broken one, praise is the very balm for you, for you were created to praise God (Psalm 139: 14).

He is waiting for your praises that He might come to dwell with you.

~ Vicki Gillespie

