

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

King Jesus, The Lord Reigns, King of Kings

WELCOME

What is the most expensive piece of item that you own? Do you carelessly use it any way you want to? Or, do you carefully use it the way it was designed to do? Why?

WORD

PSALM 67

God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us— Selah. ²That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations. ³Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy; For You will judge the peoples with uprightness And guide the nations on the earth. Selah. ⁵Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. ⁶The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us. ⁷God blesses us, That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

Do you know what is the purpose of your life? Knowing your purpose will help you set the direction of your life and learn to prioritize your time and efforts. The truth is, many people don't know the purpose of their existence. Purpose determines actions, behaviors, and priorities. If you know the purpose of your life, you will be able to maximize the reason of your existence.

You will know your purpose when you ask your Divine Designer. As we study **Psalm 67**, we'll see God reveal His heart, His purpose, and how we can participate in His purpose for our lives.

As we look into this psalm, it will show us our clear **MISSION: To honor GOD and make Christ-Committed Followers who will make Christ-Committed Followers**. When we teach people not just to know Jesus, but to really know Him intimately, then we get to participate in God's purpose/. We see this in **Psalm 67**:

1. GOD'S PURPOSE: God wants to bless us

Ps. 67:1 begins by acknowledging and asking from the Lord for grace. All blessings begin with God's grace and we cannot earn God's blessing – it is given by Him. The psalmist also asked the Lord to “cause Your face to shine upon us”, which God himself commanded Moses to instruct Aaron to bless the Israelites with (**Numbers 6:22-26**). The idea of this prayer is asking for God's favor. God wants us to seek ways that will please Him. Moses prayed with the same idea of experiencing God's presence when in **Exodus 33:13-15**, Moses asked for intimacy with God, and that His presence will go with him and give him rest. To ask God's face to shine upon us is really invoking God's blessing, God's favor, and intimacy with Him.

Psalm 4:6-8 gives us a picture of this plea. It is asking for God's blessing, and **God's blessing is His presence**. Our joy comes from the presence of God. Our security comes from the Lord as well. God's purpose for you and me is for us to experience His true blessing. You and I would want to see the God smile on our lives – pleasing God rather than just pleasing men.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE BLESSING: to bless others

The purpose of blessing is for us to bless others – help others come to know Him; teach them His ways. This is alluded to in **Psalm 67:2**. The greatest blessing is really God Himself, and the gospel – the salvation that comes from God.

We must be able to see the heart of God. We must become God-centered, not man-centered. In **Genesis 12:2-3**, we read of the blessing of God for Abraham. This is the promise of God; on His own initiative, He has paved a way for “**all the families of the earth**” to be redeemed. This promise enables us to see the heart of God. The goal is not to focus on what we get out of the blessing, but to give it away to others. We see this fulfilled in **Galatians 3:8,14**. That blessing has to reach the whole world. The gospel message was preached to the nations, and that promise was accomplished and still being fulfilled today. The focus of this blessing is the descendant of Abraham, Christ Jesus! The gospel message is part and parcel of God's plan. God wanted to use Abraham as a blessing, and when he was blessed, he eventually blessed others. Jesus expands this in **Matthew 28:18-20**. This amazing instruction is **GLOBAL** in scope. Our mission to bless the world is not just to share the gospel, but to teach the ways of the LORD, and **do everything** that GOD has commanded us.

How do you make disciples? When you teach them to observe all that Jesus had commanded us! You will never know your purpose in life until you know the ONE who made you. Going back to **Psalm 67:3-5**, we are blessed, but we must give others the great blessing so they can experience the joy of praising and worshipping God. Somebody once said that “the greatest attraction for Jesus is the lives of Christians...but we are also the biggest stumbling blocks”. Can they see Christ in us? Are we a blessing? Do we bring people to Jesus?

Steven Cole said this: “**We cannot experience God's full blessing if we isolate ourselves from His people. And His**

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blessing will not go from us to the nations unless we are strong as a church.” The power of God’s people to understand and fulfill God’s purpose. The body of Christ must act collectively to bring honor and glory to the Lord. The early church understood what this meant for them and that’s why we read in **Acts 2:46-47** that they were committed to a community. Many Christians are lone rangers. One reason is pride – they don’t want accountability. But the corporate nature of GOD’s command is seen in the plural “they” – and that is why the Lord added to their number, to expand the ministry so more people can know and believe the gospel truth of Christ. God’s calling is for us to work together to fulfill His mission. Are you committed to be partners with CCF to fulfill GOD’s mission? In what ways do you take part in the Great Commission?

3. BLESSING FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD: to lead all to worship

The gospel includes judgment when Jesus comes again as the Bible foretells (**Psalm 96:10,11, and 13**). He is coming back to judge the world in RIGHTEOUSNESS. God is going to be the righteous Judge. The question is, are we excited for His second coming? Some will not be happy when Judgment Day comes. **Revelation 20:11-15** shows us a day of accountability where we will be judged according to our deeds. The purpose of MISSIONS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

- 1. Self-Check.** How are you doing when it comes to fulfilling God’s purpose for your life—to make Him known?
- 2. Setting It Right.** Is Jesus your Number 1? If there’s an existing idol in your heart that blocks you from enjoying Him fully confess this to the Lord. What will you need to do to have a laser-like focus on Jesus moving forward?
- 3. Living It Out.** To whom will you share the blessing of the gospel even during this quarantine period?

WORKS

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray that God will work in our hearts and the hearts of the people we pray for. Show care by blessing others in need—financially, emotionally and spiritually. Share the greatest blessing you have received—Jesus by telling at least one person this week about the gospel of Christ!

is to share the Gospel Truth with people so that they will be ready to meet the Lord! Those who are truly ready can **“rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven” (Luke 10:20)**. You can be joyful because you are sure of heaven! **2 Timothy 4:1** refers to Christ Jesus as the judge (also in **John 5:22-23**). That’s why our mission to bless others by letting them hear the gospel is truly very important. **John Piper** writes, **“the goal of missions is the gladness of the peoples in the greatness of God.”**

Psalm 67:6-7 repeats the magnitude and the reach of this prayer for blessing. This is a future that is declared as past tense, when the whole world will call upon GOD... the earth has yielded blessings, God blessed us spiritually and materially so we can be a blessing to others. Do you notice the ultimate objective? It is WORSHIP – **that all the ends of the earth will fear HIM. Missions is the means, but WORSHIP is the ultimate goal** of life. While the Gospel is to meet man’s need of salvation; there is a higher purpose at work: our redemption results to our praise and devotion to Him (**Phil. 2:10-11**).

Is Jesus your number one? Do you find satisfaction in Him? Rid your life of idols – shallow substitutes that hinder you from truly enjoying a relationship with Jesus and fulfilling your God-given mission. **You are blessed to bless!**

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Effective and righteous implementation of COVID19 response by different government agencies
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends