God's Blessing to Us and to the World

Psalm 67

We should seek God’s blessing so that our gladness in God will spread to the nations.

Isaiah 49:6b

“… I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.”

Romans 15:9-12

“And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. 10 And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. 11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. 12 And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.”

The words *chiasm* and *chiastic* relate to the Greek letter *chi* (pronounced ‘key’)



A prayer for God's blessing to His people (vv. 1 & 2)

A prayer for all the nations to praise God (v. 3)

A prayer for the nations to be glad in God as they submit to His righteous rule and sovereign guidance (v. 4)

A prayer for all the nations to praise God (v. 5)

A prophetic fulfillment of the initial prayer (vv. 6 & 7)

Numbers 6:23-27

“Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.”

WE SHOULD SEEK GOD'S BLESSING

A. God's blessing is rooted in His grace.

B. God's blessing means that we enjoy His favorable presence.

C. God's blessing is experienced in greater measure when we serve Him together.

D. God's greatest blessing comes as we embrace His burden for the nations.

AS WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S BLESSING, WE WILL BE GLAD IN HIM

A. In order to help others experience gladness in God, we must first be glad in Him ourselves.

B. In order for the nations to be glad in God, they must come to know Him.

WHEN WE ARE GLAD IN GOD, WE WILL WANT TO SPREAD THAT GLADNESS TO OTHERS

A. Our satisfaction in God overflows to others.

B. When God blesses us materially, it is so that we can bless others spiritually.