

# Making the nations glad

Psalm 67

15/12/13

# Why was the outreach to Vila important?



“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.””

***Mark 16:15***

“...speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

***Eph 4:15-16***

# John Piper- *Let the nations be glad*

“Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever.”

# The call to go out and to preach

(Found in *Matthew 28, Mark 13, Luke 24*)

Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” *Matt 9:37-38*

“Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”

*Col 1:28*

# Psalm 67:3-4

“Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth.”

# What we'll be considering today

1. God's call to make His way known on earth (vs 1-2)
2. The expected response (vs 3-5)
3. God's promised blessing (vs 6-7)

1. God's call to make His way known on earth (vs 1-2)

# Psalm 67:1-2

“God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, Selah... That Your way may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.”



# The Aaronic blessing- Num 6:24-26

“The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.”

# Psalm 67:2

“...That Your way may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.”

# 1 Cor 1:27-29

“But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence.”

# Deuteronomy 32:3-4

“Ascribe greatness to our God. He is the Rock,  
His work is perfect.”

## Daniel 4:29-30

“At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon. The king spoke, saying, “Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?” While the word was still in the king’s mouth, a voice fell from heaven: “King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you!”

## 2. The expected response (vs 3-5)

# Matthew 28:18-20

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.”

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The idea that 'time is money' doesn't  
really exist in Vanuatu ...

# Mikel's prayer

“Let all the peoples praise You!”

### 3. God's promised blessing (vs 6-7)

# Psalm 67:6-7

“Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.”

# Psalm 23:5-6

“...You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

# Ephesians 3:20

“(He)...is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think...”

# Psalm 67:6-7

“...God, our own God, shall bless us. God shall  
bless us...”

# Some applications/challenges as we conclude...

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

- Witnessing
- Sacrificing
- Supporting
- Investing



# Matthew 6:31-33

““Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.””