

Hope for the Nations
Psalm 67

My Witnesses

For this broken world ...

- I. God's Blessed People
 - A. Favored
 - B. Dependent
 - C. Confident
 - D. Compassionate

- II. The Knowledge of God
 - A. His Person
 - B. His Ways
 - C. His Salvation
 - D. His Praise
 - E. His Joy

- III. The Gospel Harvest
 - A. Worked
 - B. Ripened
 - C. Reaped
 - D. Gathered

... a song of joy.

Children, Listen ...

1. How does the idea of God's face shining on His people make you feel?
2. God's people can be sure He will be with us and that He does bless us, but should we keep praying for His blessing? Can you give a reason why?
3. Who does God use to make Him known throughout the world?
4. If we really know what it means to be blessed by God will we want others to know that blessing too?
5. God uses the message of the Gospel or "good news" to tell people about being saved. What is the good news all about?

"Nature" (or creation and providence), the Word and the Spirit all declare the knowledge of God to people throughout the world. Due to the darkness of man's fallen mind, "natural revelation" cannot sufficiently provide the kind of knowledge necessary for salvation. So God gave us His Word—the Word incarnate in Jesus, and the Word in writing in the Bible. He also sends His Spirit to illuminate the minds of those in darkness to receive the truth and believe in the Lord Jesus for salvation. God has privileged His blessed people to be a part of the Word and the Spirit part of calling in His people from the nations. Yes, He is sovereign in salvation; and part of His sovereign plan is to use His people throughout the ages to spread the good news throughout the world. Those with a saving knowledge of God should have a passionate zeal to know Him, His ways, and His salvation better, and to declare His praises with joyful hearts. Flowing from that will come a "missionary" passion to see the knowledge of God spread throughout all nations and people. Pray that the Lord will use the "blessed" people of Covenant church to testify (from Holland and outward) to the glories of the great God of our salvation.