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Psalm 67

12/18/12

Vs. 1 appeals to God for acceptance;
Vs. 2-4 express desire that all men would praise God;
Vs. 5-7 show God's blessing to the whole world.

There is nothing about this Psalm to indicate who, when, or why it was written, except that it expresses "the hope of Israel" that God's "seed" would fulfill God's plan of salvation for all mankind. This plan was fulfilled in Jesus Christ ([Galatians 3:13-29](#)), and not re-offered again in a future time. This Psalm certainly anticipates the blessing of Abraham through Jesus Christ, the "hope of Israel" ([Acts 26:6-7, 22-23](#)).

Verse 1: "Mercy" is behind forgiveness, so it should be the first request a sinner makes of God and the first blessing those forgiven should give to others ([Luke 6:36](#); [Hebrews 2:17](#); [Hebrews 8:12](#)). It reads like the blessing priests gave under Moses' Law in [Numbers 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." The use of "LORD" showed that blessing was for those in covenant to Jehovah (Israelites), but in the Psalm "God" is used which shows it speaks of all mankind, not just Israelites.

Verse 2-4: By using the expressions "all nations," "peoples," "govern the nations," more than just Israelites were to be included in God's blessings. God never planned for the Israelites only to be His people, but it was through them He would send His promised blessing – Jesus Christ, whom Paul preached: "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses" ([Acts 13:38-39](#)).

In **verse 4**, that God "shall judge the people righteously" will ultimately fall on Jesus Christ, to whom God has given judgment ([John 5:22-23, 30](#)). "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead" ([Acts 17:30-31](#)).

Verses 5-7: When Gentiles praise God along with Israelites (**verse 5**), then "the earth shall yield her increase." God promised in [Deuteronomy 28:1-12](#) to physically bless the Israelites in their land if they "diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today." If God can make land produce when they followed His commandments, surely He can do the same today! Truly, "The blessing of the LORD makes *one* rich, And He adds no sorrow with it" ([Proverbs 10:22](#)). Don't believe "men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself" ([1 Timothy 6:5](#)).

All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.



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There is no "gospel of greed" but sincere obedience to God's principles brings blessings even from the earth! It always comes from "God, our own God" (**verse 6**), and not government or corporation! Today, Jews and Gentiles must be saved by the same gospel (**Romans 1:16-17**), then added to the same church of Christ (**Acts 2:38, 41, 47; Ephesians 2:11-22**).

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