



Psalms 67

11/24/19 AM

WHEN GOD'S FACE SHINES ON US

Introduction:

Superscription: "For the choir director; with stringed instruments. A Psalm [*mizmor*]. A Song [*shir*]."

"The higher a believer's view of God, the stronger should burn his passion that others will come to know this glorious God." — Steve Lawson

Stanza 1: THE PSALMIST'S PRAYER (67:1-2)

A. Wisdom ("that Your way may be known on earth")

"be gracious"

"bless"

"cause His face to shine upon us" (Numbers 6:24-26)

II Corinthians 4:6

"That is, lift up the light of thy countenance on me; favour me with thy gracious presence, and communion with thyself; manifest thyself unto me, and shed abroad thy love in my heart; cause the sun of righteousness to arise upon me, and commune with me, from above thy mercy seat; restore to me the joys of thy salvation, and let me have the comforts of thy good Spirit." — John Gill

"Selah" - "Lift up the heart, lift up the voice. A higher key, a sweeter note is called for." Charles Haddon Spurgeon

B. Welfare ("Your salvation among all nations")

"that Your way may be known" (Romans 10:14-15)

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"that Your salvation [may be known] among all nations"

yeshuah

Chorus: THE PSALMIST'S PASSION (67:3)

"Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You."

"nations...peoples"

"praise"

Stanza 2: **THE PSALMIST'S PETITION** (67:4)

A. Joy ("let the nations be glad and sing for joy")

"be glad"

"sing for joy"

B. Justice ("for You will judge with uprightness and guide the nations on the earth")

"You will judge with uprightness"

"You will...guide the nations on the earth"

Chorus: **THE PSALMIST'S PASSION** (67:5)

"Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You."

"Some sing for form, others for show, some as a duty, others as an amusement, but to sing from the heart, because overflowing joy must find a vent, this is to sing indeed."
— Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Stanza 3: **THE PSALMIST'S PROSPECT** (67:6-7)

A. Assurance ("the earth has yielded its produce")

"the earth has yielded its produce"

"God, our God, blesses us"

B. Adoration ("that all the ends of the earth will fear Him")

"God blesses us, that all the ends of the earth..."

"...may fear Him"

Conclusion:

- 1) Faith is not a blind trust but is underwritten with evidence of God's ways.
- 2) God blesses His people in order that the people of the world will come to faith in Him.

Food for Thought:

- 1) In what ways has God been gracious to you?
- 2) What do you think is meant by God's "way" in verse 2?
- 3) What is your role in helping the nations to know Him?
- 4) After all the graciousness and blessing, why does this psalm end with "fear"?