

# a month of psalms



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## Psalm 67 | Blessed to Bless

*Psalm 67 is a Psalm of thanksgiving. It thanks God for his blessing, looks forward to him continuing to bless, and gives three reasons he blesses us.*

In Genesis 12, God makes a covenant with Abraham, promising to bless him so that he can be a blessing to everyone else. In many ways Psalm 67 is Genesis 12:1-3 set to music.

### 1. God Blesses Us So Everyone Might **KNOW** Him. (v. 1-3)

### 2. God Blesses Us So Everyone Might **BE GLAD BECAUSE OF** Him. (v. 4-5)

### 3. God Blesses Us So Everyone Might **FEAR** Him. (v. 6-7)

### How We Should Respond to God's Blessing:

1. Be **THANKFUL**.
2. **BLESS** Others.

*A Fully Devoted Follower of Jesus Gives Generously of their Time, Talent, and Treasure to demonstrate Jesus' greatness and build his Kingdom.*

## 1:10 **HOMEWORK**

### Open Your Group in Prayer.

1. **Read Psalm 67 aloud in your group.** What stands out to you as you read it? Do you have a favorite verse or phrase?

2. **Compare verses 1-3 with Numbers 6:24-26.** What similarities do you see?

3. **Read verses 1-2.** Why does God bless his people?

4. **Read Genesis 12:1-3.** Why does God bless Abraham (at this point, he was still Abram)?

5. When you read Psalm 67, do you sense that God favors any one group of people over another?

6. Obviously according to Scripture God favors his people Israel and the Church (believers in Jesus Christ), but what does Psalm 67 tell you about God's heart toward those who have not trusted Jesus?

7. **Read v. 4-5.** In the Old Testament, the first role of a judge was to protect the innocent. They were also a leader for the people. (See the book of Judges.) How does that fact influence your understanding of verses 4 and 5?

8. **Read v. 6-7.** What confidence does God's grace in the past give us for the future? Before you answer, **read Malachi 3:6, James 1:17, and Hebrews 13:8.**

9. How has God blessed you? Make a list.

10. Psalm 67 is a psalm of thanksgiving for God's blessing. Psalm 65 is another psalm of thanksgiving. How do you respond to God's blessing and favor in your life?