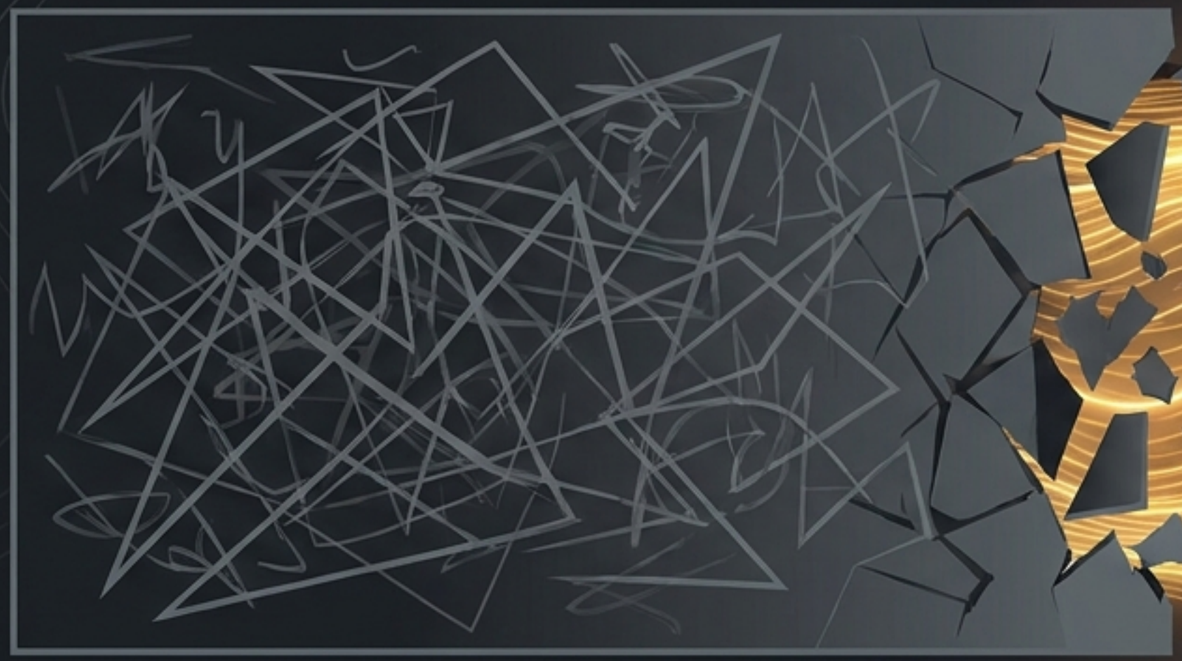
God’s Missionary Heart

An exploration of Psalm 67 and the eternal vision of the Savior King.

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The challenge of maintaining a missionary heart.



Life gets busy. We get tired. We have enough on our plates without worrying about the salvation of people around the world we do not know.

But God invites us to shift our gaze from the exhausting boundaries of our daily routines to an unstoppable, cosmic movement.

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The central plot of history.

The Unbroken Thread

Abraham
Genesis 12:1-3

“I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you... and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

Israel/Solomon
1 Kings 8:43

“The temple is dedicated so that all peoples of earth will know your name.”

Isaiah’s Prophecy
Isaiah 49:6

“I will also make you a light for the nations, to be my salvation to the ends of the earth.”

Jesus

The ultimate fulfillment of the promise to Abraham. The **Savior** of all who come in faith and the **true source** of blessing for the nations.

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Fueling the fire for the nations.

If the fire for the nations has grown dim, one way to reignite it is to learn the prayers of Psalm 67. Psalm 67. The psalm describes three interconnected goals we can ask for in prayer.

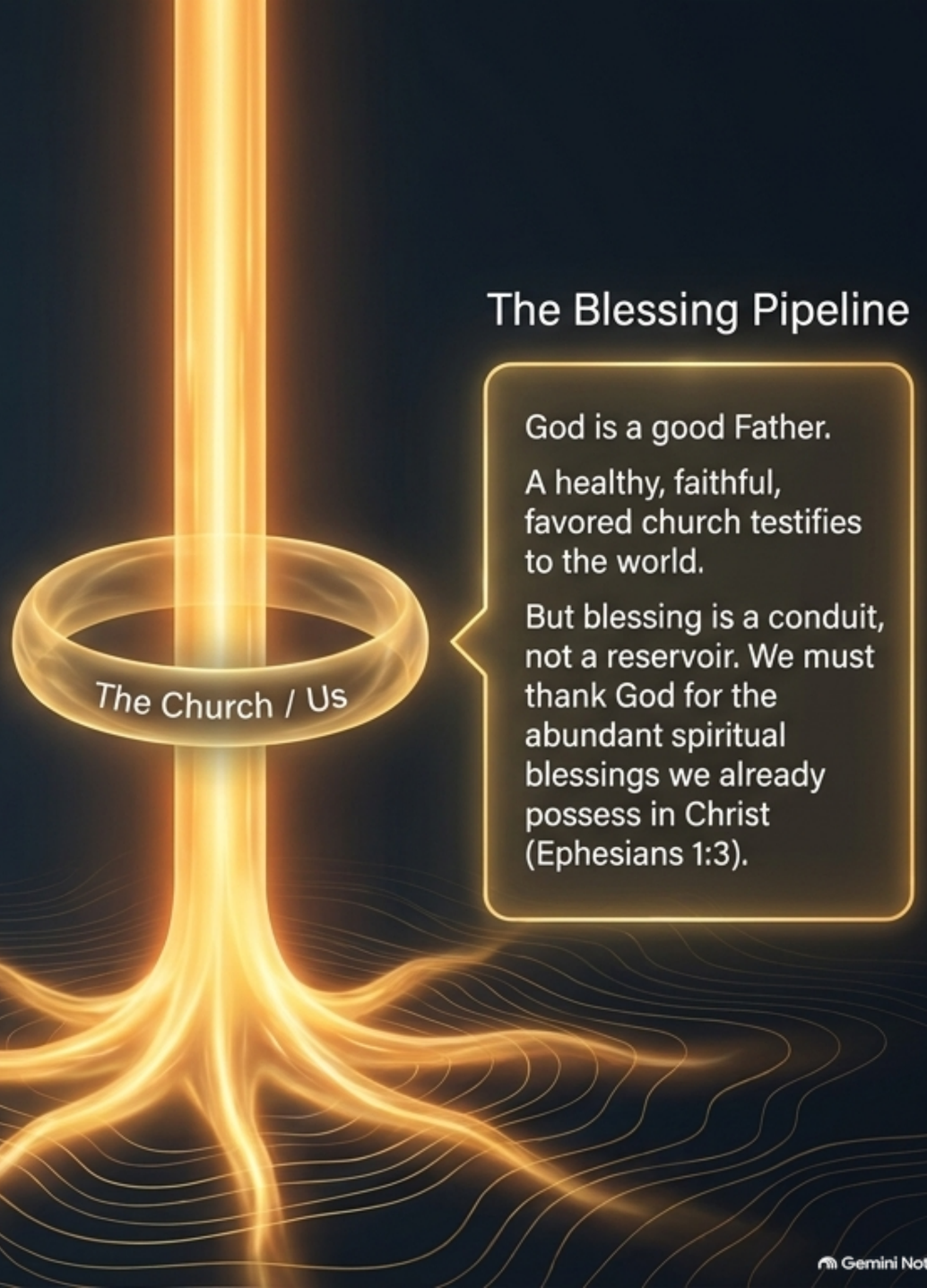


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Goal One: Blessing

“May God be gracious to us and bless us; may he make his face shine upon us.” – Psalm 67:1

Verse 1 links directly back to the High Priest’s blessing over Israel in Numbers 6. It is a reminder to God of His covenant promise.



The Blessing Pipeline

God is a good Father.

A healthy, faithful, favored church testifies to the world.

But blessing is a conduit, not a reservoir. We must thank God for the abundant spiritual blessings we already possess in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).

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The mechanics of a missionary heart.

The Two Covenants of Mission

Old Covenant (Israel)



The Motion:
Come and See (Nations drawn inward).

The Mechanism:
Visible local blessings. Nations saw a righteous government (justice) and abundant harvests (Deuteronomy 11), drawing them to the source.

New Covenant (Church)



The Motion:
Go and Tell (Ambassadors propelled outward).

The Mechanism:
The Great Commission. We don't wait for people to come to us; we cross borders to speak boldly of Jesus Christ.

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Goal Two: Salvation

"...so that your way may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations." – Psalm 67:2

We are blessed SO THAT salvation will come to the nations. Nowhere is off-limits. The apostles died, but their commission to make disciples of all nations did not. Today, we are the worldwide disciple-makers.



The Blueprint

The Apostle Paul provides our active model in Ephesians 6:19–20, praying for the boldness to open his mouth and make known the mystery of the gospel as an ambassador.

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The surprising revelation of Psalm 67.

“Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn’t.” – John Piper

Salvation is not our ultimate goal. When this age is over, missions will cease. Missions is a temporary necessity; worship is the eternal reality.

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Goal Three: Praise

"Let the peoples praise you, God; let all the peoples praise you." – Psalm 67:3-5

"...the earth will be filled with the
"...the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD's glory, as the water covers the sea." – Habakkuk 2:14

Our ultimate goal must be **God's honor**—not just blessings for us, obedience to a commission, or even love for lost people. **A passion for worship is the true fire** that convinces people to leave the familiar and cross borders into the unknown.

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The eternal reality.



This is the culmination of God's missionary heart: a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one can number.

"Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" – Revelation 7:9-10

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A Missionary Church.

The 1997 to Eternity Bridge

May 1997.
Cornerstone Church is founded. By October, the church begins supporting two missionaries in Olongapo City, Philippines, and

The founding vision was clear:
"In eternity, around the throne of God, thousands of worshippers will be brought there by the people of Cornerstone Church."

Local church actions are directly tethered to the eternal throne room.

The Revelation 7 Throne Room.



flig two missionaries in Olongapo City, Philippines, and reaching the local Blue Water community.

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Embrace the mission.

Whether this is new to you, or you are taking it off the back burner, you are invited into God's unstoppable movement. Let the fire for the nations shape your prayers.

1. Pray for Cornerstone: For faithfulness in sharing Jesus locally and supporting our missionaries globally (missionary list available at the Welcome Center).

2. Pray for the Field: For the endurance and boldness of our missionaries and outreach ministries.

3. Pray for Yourself: Ask for a growing desire for God's praise among all people, open doors to share Jesus, and a listening ear if the Lord is calling you to vocational missionary work.

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