

Theme: God calls His people to be conduits of His blessing, so that the whole earth might know and praise God.

I. Intro – A Hidden Treasure

- A. Something known about – but not appreciated
- B. *Slow Train Coming*, lattes, etc.
- C. Psalm 67 is like that for me
- D. Now one of my favorite Psalms

II. The Blessing of God

- A. May God bless us (v1)
 - 1. Based on Aaronic benediction (Num 6:24-26)
 - 2. Gracious, bless us, face shine upon us
 - 3. Also Abrahamic covenant (Gen 12:2)
 - 4. Repeated in vv6-7
- B. The blessing of God (Ps 112)
 - 1. Psa 112 – acrostic of blessed life (slide)
 - 2. God's Presence with us (face shine – v1)

III. Blessed – To Be A Blessing

- A. Blessed – that others may know (v1-2)
 - 1. Blessed so other may know (v1-2)

2. This was always purpose (Gen 12:2-3)

B. The nations/peoples praise God (vv3-5)

- 1. A cry for peoples to know God (vv3-5)
- 2. These people know God – praise, glad, joy
- 3. This is the ultimate blessing!

C. The cycle of blessing (vv6-7)

- 1. Note the cycle of blessing (vv6-7)
- 2. We are blessed; we bless; repeat
- 3. Example – 2 Corinthians 9:11-14

IV. Applying the Word

A. What blessings have we been given?

- 1. What gifts and talents has God given you?
- 2. What material blessings has God given you?
- 3. What relationships has God given you?
- 4. What opportunities has God given you?

B. Are we thankful for these blessings?

- 1. Do we recognize them as from God?
- 2. Do we thank Him consciously & consistently?

C. Are we using these blessings to reach others?

1. This is why they were given!
2. Are we using them to help others know God?

D. Communion

Blessed - To Be A Blessing

Psalm 67

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Communion

Numbers 6

24 The LORD bless you and keep you; 25 the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; 26 the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

2 I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. Genesis 12:2

Psalm 112

Family	“His children will be mighty” (2)
Finances	“Wealth and riches are in his house” (3)
Spiritual	“His righteousness endures forever” (3)
Protection/ provision	“Even in darkness light dawns for the upright” (4)
Legacy	“A righteous man will be remembered forever” (6)
Emotions	“He will have no fear of bad news” (7) “His heart is secure; he will have no fear” (8)

2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:2-3

11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. 14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. 2 Cor 9:11-14