

Psalm 67

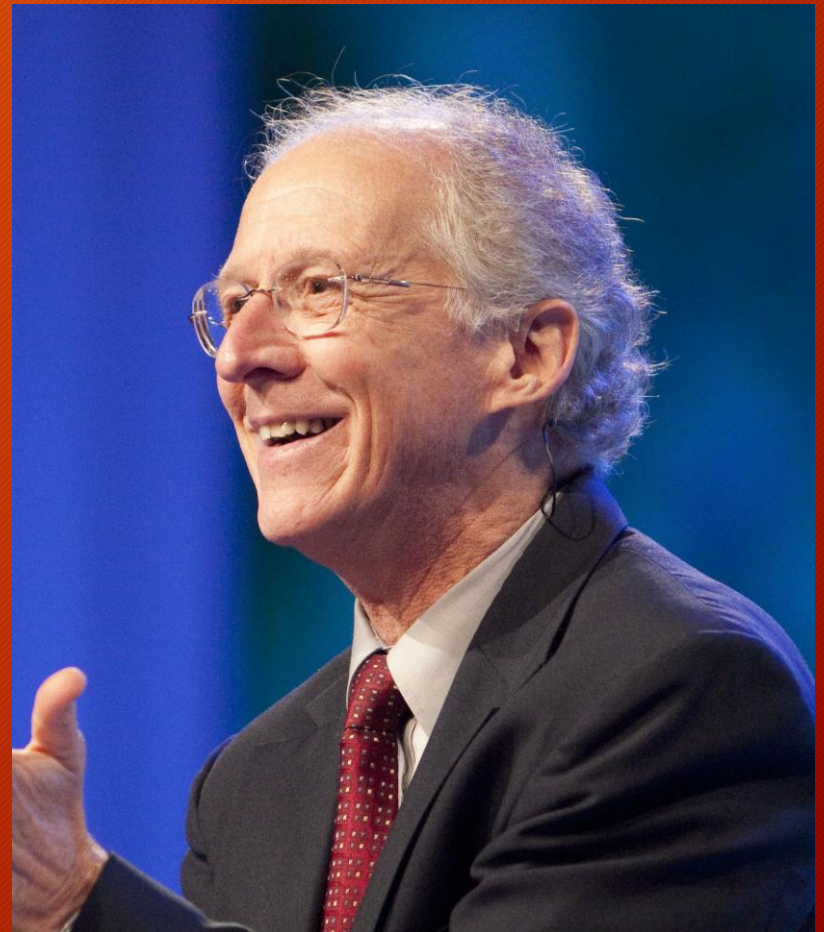
Mission Minded Worship

Worship and Mission?



John Piper

“Missions is not
the ultimate goal
of the church.
Worship is.
Missions exists
because worship
doesn't. Worship is
ultimate.”



Paul Davies

“Mission serves the worship
of the living God by the
nations.

The living God is witnessed
to by God’s blessing on his
people; by his people calling
the nations to worship and by
the nations understanding
the just rule of God over
them and celebrating that
rule.”



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An alternative to Nunc Dimittis at Evensong

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all
nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”

(Luke 2:29-32)

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—²so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

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⁶ The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

⁷ May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

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Call to the peoples to praise God

Call to the nations to gladness and joy
because God is their ruler and guide

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Psalm 67 - Mission Minded Worship

- Israel's blessing is a witness to the nations (Vss. 1-2, 6-7)
- Israel's worship is a call to the nations (Vss. 3, 5)
- Israel's God is ruler of, and guide to, the nations (Vs.4)

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The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. 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 12:1-3)

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¹⁷ Then the LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? ¹⁸ Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.”

(Genesis 18:17-19)

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All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him,
for dominion belongs to the LORD
and he rules over the nations.
(Psalm 22:27-28)

Israel's worship is a call to the nations
(Vss. 3, 5)

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
(Psalm 96:3)

Israel's worship is a call to the nations
(Vss. 3, 5)

Say among the nations, "The LORD
reigns."

The world is firmly established,
it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity
(Psalm 96:10)

Israel's God is ruler and guide to the nations (Vs.4)

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- God's ultimate purpose - God's righteous reign on earth
- "His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation." (Daniel 4:34)
- Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:9-10)

Some questions for us

- In what way can the blessings we receive from God be a witness to those who do not know the gospel?
- In what way can our worship be a call to those who do not know the gospel?
- Are we announcing Christ as ruler and guide of those who do not know the gospel and the structures that claim authority?