PSALMS
THE LANGUAGE of PRAYER

Prayer for the Nations

Two Sunday's ago we looked at the prayer in Psalm 80 that God would restore us and make his face shine upon us and save us. Last week we looked at the song God's people sang as they ascended to Jerusalem in Psalm 126 where they also cry out for restoration, but this time they do it while remembering the great deliverance of the Lord in the past and looking forward to the day when all they have sowed in tears will bear fruit and the kingdom shall come with great joy. Over the next two weeks, we will shift our view to loving the unloved as we come to our missions conference focus on some of the people society often overlooks, but God cares deeply about and desires to save. How is it that we put these themes together—seeking God's personal restoration in the midst of great struggles, remembering the past and looking to the future, and remaining on mission, loving and caring for the struggling around us?

I was struck recently by how the choirmaster in Psalm 67 weaves together all of these themes into a great hymn and prayer to God. He opens with the prayer that God may be gracious to us, and bless us, and make his face shine upon us. But then he gives the purpose of the blessing. The purpose is that God's ways may be known in the earth and his saving power may go out to all nations.. The psalmist prays for God's blessing so that God's people can be about the mission of taking God's name to other hurting people, and that they can bring God's saving power to the nations.. In the end, God desires to see people from every nation praising Him, the seed that has been planted bearing fruit, and the joy of his kingdom established throughout the entire earth. Now that is something to pray for, to work towards, and to look forward to seeing and experiencing ourselves!

THIS WEEK'S PSALMS

Monday, Nov 4_____*Morning*—Psalm 82 | *Evening*—Psalm 80

Tuesday, Nov 5_____*Morning*—Psalm 63 | *Evening*—Psalm 52

Wednesday, Nov 6_____*Morning*—Psalm 53 | *Evening*—Psalm 94

Thursday , Nov 7_____*Morning*—Psalm 102 | *Evening*—Psalm 13

Friday, Nov 8_____*Morning*—Psalm 32 | *Evening*—Psalm 140

Saturday, Nov 9_____*Morning*—Psalm 60 | *Evening*—Psalm 96

Sunday, Nov 10_____*Morning*—Psalm 95 | *Evening*—Psalm 49

QUESTIONS to CONSIDER about EACH PSALM

1) What is this Psalm about?
2) What is felt?
3) What is requested?
4) What is declared?

PHRASES about GOD or PETITIONS to GOD WORTH REMEMBERING or MEMORIZING

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