

EVERYBODY OUGHT TO KNOW

PSALM 67

NEED: To have a passion and plan that everyone may know.

Proposition: Everybody needs to know who Jesus is so they can give Him the worship that He deserves.

Objective: To lead all of God's people to involve themselves in making sure everyone on this planet knows that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Introduction:

Ultimately missions is about worship. It has always been about worship. The moving prayer that we have read emphasizes this. The sensitive Hebrew psalmist wrote the words to be sung as a prayer in the temple in Jerusalem.

Yet the concern of the prayer is the worship of the nations, the peoples of the earth. The Psalm is very appropriate for a church at this season of the year. It is the time when Baptist think about missions.

This prayer could be our prayer for this missions season. Think with me about it this morning. The ultimate goal God has given us is to see every nation on the planet, and each person in the nation, worshipping the one true and living God, the God of Israel and the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I. THE PERSON WHO DESERVES PRAISE.

1. Because He is the only Savior.
2. Because He is the only Sovereign.
3. Because He is the only Source.

II. THE PASSION TO MAKE SURE THEY KNOW.

1. Grows out of a knowledge of His worthiness.
2. Grows out of gratitude for His blessings.
3. Grows out of a sense of our responsibility.

Or:

4. Because of gratitude. What God has done for us makes us want to share it with everyone—O that they might know what we know.
5. Because of compassion. What they do not know is the source of great need in their lives. Think of what it means in the world for the Islamic world not to know what we know!

III. THE PLAN TO MAKE SURE THEY KNOW.

1. It begins with the blessing of God on His people.

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Title: The Gift is in Your Hand

Anthony Campolo, sociology professor at Eastern Baptist College and popular speaker, told of his experience one year at a Women's Conference where he was making a major address. At the point in the program when the women were being challenged with a several thousand dollar goal for their mission projects, the chairperson for the day turned to Dr. Campolo and asked him if he would pray for God's blessing upon the women as they considered what they might do to achieve the goal. To her utter surprise, Dr. Campolo came to the podium and graciously declined her invitation. "You already have the resources necessary to complete this mission project right here within this room," he continued. "It would be inappropriate to ask for God's blessing, when God has already blessed you with abundance and the means to achieve this goal. The necessary gifts are in your hands. As soon as we take the offering and underwrite this mission project, we will thank God for freeing us to be the generous, responsible and accountable stewards that we are called to be as Christian disciples." When the offering was taken, the mission challenge was oversubscribed, and Dr. Campolo led a joyous prayer

of thanksgiving for God's abundant blessings and for the faithful stewardship of God's people.

--James S. Hewett, Illustrations Unlimited (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc, 1988) p. 239.

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2. It continues with the work of God through His people in answer to prayer
3. It is made possible by our stewardship of His blessings.
 - (1) Stewardship of life.
 - (2) Stewardship of money.

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Title: Why Rush?

An ancient story recalls how Satan once summoned his top three aides to plan how to stop a group of dedicated Christians from effective missionary work.

One of the lieutenants, Rancor, said to Satan, "We should convince them that there is no God." Satan sneered at Rancor and replied, "That would never work. They know that there is a God."

Another of Satan's aides, Bitterness, spoke up. "We'll convince them that God does not really care about right or wrong." Satan toyed with the notion for a few moments, but rejected it because he knew that too many Christians know that God does care.

Malice, the third satanic helper, came up with his idea. "We'll let them go on thinking that there is a God and that He cares about right and wrong. But we will keep whispering that there is no hurry, there is no hurry."

Satan howled with glee. He advanced Malice higher in his malevolent organization. Satan knew that he would find this stratagem successful with many, many Christians.

Frank S. Mead

Or:

A. Through Prayer—a Prayer for His favor on us.

B. Through His people—Through their witness and their work.

C. Through Our Praise—A worship that catches the attention of the world.