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#### **Psalms 67**

It is God's nature to bless. However, we need to understand that His purpose is greater than we may realize. His ultimate goal encompasses far more than simply making us happy, peaceful, protected, and prosperous. In fact, it's never the Lord's intention for His blessings to end with us. Rather, He wants them to flow out to others as part of His plan for the whole earth.

As we see in today's psalm, the Lord blesses us so that His salvation, His ways, and His justice may be known by every nation and people group around the globe (Ps. 67:3-4, Ps. 67:7). He's always acting with this larger picture in mind—even while working personally in each believer's life.

Knowing this should fill us with an awesome yet humbling sense of significance. Every Christian has a part in helping others know and understand the one true God. Each blessing that benefits us personally is also intended to help further His plans for the kingdom. On the other hand, we sometimes may not receive things we want because they don't contribute to God's higher purpose. But if we fit our requests into the Lord's greater plans, we position ourselves to be used mightily by Him.

When your Father blesses you, He's not only doing something *for* you; He's also doing something *in* and *through* you to affect the lives of others. Don't let the pleasures and comforts

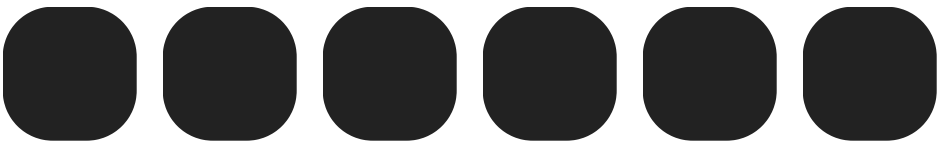
of His blessings blind you to their intended purpose. Ask the Lord how to use His kindnesses as a way to point people to Him.

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