

STAND IN THE GAP

Lesson Three • Psalm 67

Blessed

The Challenge for 2015

To stand in the GAP before God on behalf of our community and beyond.

So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. Ezekiel 22:30

Blessed

1. ONE TRUTH: God BLESSES His People for a Purpose Beyond Our Personal Good!

God be merciful to us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us. Selah Psalm 67:1

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.” So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them. Numbers 6:24-27

That Your way may be know on earth, Your salvation among all nations. Psalm 67:2

I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. Genesis 12:1-3

I will also give you [Israel] as a light to the nations, that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth. Isaiah 49:6

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...” Matthew 28:19

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles. Galatians 1:15-16

Blessed for a Purpose:

- God blesses you so that all peoples may KNOW Him.

That Your way may be know on earth, Your salvation among all nations. Psalm 67:2

- God blesses you so that all peoples may PRAISE Him.

Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth. Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. Psalm 67:3-5

- God blesses you so that all peoples may FEAR Him.

Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. Psalm 67:6-7

2. ONE DANGER: We Are Prone to DISCONNECT God’s Blessings in Our Lives from God’s Purpose for Our Lives!

3. ONE QUESTION: What Happens If We Fail to CONNECT God’s Blessings in Our Lives to God’s Purpose for Our Lives?

Blessed to Be a Blessing:

God will STOP sending blessings to you if He cannot send blessings through you.

What This Means for Us

- This prayer must CRY OUT from our hearts.
- This purpose must CAPTIVATE our lives.
- This promise must COMPEL us to stand in the gap.