

**THURSDAY**

**That Your Salvation May Be Known**

- Call / make known Lord' salvation = to entire world / sacred duty entrusted to every believer.

**Matthew 28:19–20** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

- Divine commission = privilege/ proclaim His love/mercy/judgment
- Emphasizing universal reach of God's grace

**Psalms 67:1–7** <sup>1</sup>God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us, Selah

- Thru God's plan of salvation by grace, righteousness by faith in Christ Jesus = thru demonstration of His self-sacrificing love on Cross when Christ stood in as our Substitute = paid our penalty for sin - dying for us while we were still sinners = God woos us w/His love

**Hosea 11:4** I drew them w/ gentle cords, w/ bands of love, & I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped /fed them.

**[LESSON QUOTE]** In the plan of salvation, God has provided a way for sinners to be readmitted to His immediate, glorious presence without being destroyed by His glory; and even now, in this life, the cross of Christ makes it possible for God's face to shine on us.

**Psalms 67:2 BEGINS WITH “THAT” / PURPOSE STATEMENT** = <sup>2</sup>That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

- Shines His face on us that we might reflect His love [essential nature] – His light [righteousness] = and His life, as He works in us to will and to do His good please
- I.E. Purpose of God's blessings = that His salvation might be known among all nations
- Task given to nation of Israel – intended to be = light to the world

- Make His house = house of prayer
- Task given to us today = thru great commission

**Psalm 67:3-5** <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. <sup>4</sup>Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth. Selah

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

<sup>6</sup>Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us. <sup>7</sup>God shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

- Psalm 67 beautifully captures = heart of God's mission
- Reveals purpose of God's blessings = that His salvation might be known among all nations
- Calls for global worship of the one true God = highlighting His mercy /grace are not limited to single group = but extended to all humanity
- Psalmist envisions a world where every nation acknowledges God's sovereignty = and worships Him.

**Revelation 14:6-12** expands on this universal mission, presents three angels' messages as final proclamation of the gospel to a dying world.

**Revelation 14:6** Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people

- **Foundation of God's mission = everlasting gospel**
  - **salvation by grace/ RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH**
- Good news of Jesus Christ's life / death / resurrection—is to be proclaimed to every corner of the earth
  - underscores global scope of God's salvation
- w/o this knowledge = three angels' messages cannot be understood
- **1<sup>st</sup> Angel** = calls for worship of the Creator
  - reminding humanity of its accountability to God
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Angel** = warns of the fall of Babylon = false systems of worship that lead people away from dependence upon God

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Angel** = solemn warning of judgment = consequences of worshiping the beast / receiving His mark
- Messages serve as = call to repentance / faithfulness to God's commandments / preparation for Christ's return
- Seventh-day Adventist Church = emphasizes proclamation of three angels' messages as central to its mission
- Thru evangelism /education/health ministries / humanitarian efforts, church seeks to reach people of all backgrounds w/hope of salvation

### **Practical Steps to Fulfill the Mission**

1. **Personal Witnessing:** Share love of Christ thru words/actions by LIVING THE MESSAGE = life of integrity/kindness/faithfulness to God's commandments = powerful testimony to world
2. **Corporate Evangelism:** Public evangelistic meetings, literature distribution, and media ministries are powerful tools for spreading the gospel.
3. **Discipleship:** Teaching/ mentoring new believers = to grow in faith / become active participants in the mission.
4. **Global Missions:** Supporting ministries like 3ABN /missionaries/mission projects is essential to reaching unreached people groups. This includes prayer, financial support, and active involvement in short-term or long-term mission work.

**Urgency of Mission = fulfillment of prophecies remind us event's of earth's history are unfolding = window of opportunity to share gospel is closing**

- Calls for dedication / sacrifice / reliance on Holy Spirit
- Christ promises His presence / power to those who step out in faith
- As we engage in this mission, may we do so with the assurance that God's Spirit will guide and empower us. Let us commit ourselves to proclaiming His salvation, so that all nations may worship Him and prepare for His soon return.

- Engineers at MIT = created black coating material from nanotubes = that absorb 99.995 percent of all visible light
- Even brightest light = fails to make objects covered in this coating visible.

**[LESSON QUOTE]** Tragically, God's people have often failed in this task. Israel's record in the Old Testament contains some dark chapters, as does the record of the Christian church over the last two millennia. It is as if we have painted our hearts with an ultra-dark substance, content to absorb God's light without reflecting it.

**Matthew 5:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.