



God's Glory in MISSIONS

Lesson 2: The Goal of Missions

Introduction

The Worship of God: The Goal of Mission

The global praise of God's glory is the final goal of missions.

- **Psalm 67:3-4** “Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.”
- **Psalm 96:3** “Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!”
- **Psalm 97:1** “The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!”

The Greatness of God: The Ground of Missions

The greatness of God is the initial ground of missions.

- **Isaiah 40:25-26**, “To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.”

The goodness and sovereignty of God...the backbone of missions.

When I left England, my hope of India's conversion was very strong; but amongst so many obstacles, it would die, unless upheld by God. Well, I have God, and His Word is true. Though the superstitions of the heathen were a thousand times stronger than they are, and the example of the Europeans a thousand times worse; though I were deserted by all and persecuted by all, yet my faith, fixed on the sure Word, would rise above all obstructions and overcome every trial. God's cause will triumph! (William Carey, missionary to India, 1793)

God's twin passions, glory and mercy, are made one in the cross of Christ.

- **Ephesians 3:10** ... “so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.”

God's passion for His glory exults in the joy of His people through their praise for His mercy and grace. So the real power of missions comes as God's people are caught up in this passion and goal...worship.

Conclusion

This is the great point that we must understand in this lesson. Our hope in missions is that Christ will be glorified by the Father's completion of the request brought by the Son. And what is that work which the Father will certainly complete? Giving eternal life to all those which the Father has given to the Son.

Missions is fundamentally about God getting glory through his mercy and grace displayed in the marvelous gospel of his Son, Jesus Christ.