



God's Glory in **MISSIONS**

Lesson 3: A Biblical Basis for Missions

Introduction

Missiology

Biblical Theology

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Genesis 1-12

- The command to spread (1:28)
- The catastrophe of sin (3:6-7)
- The call of God (3:8-9)

- The cure of Christ (3:15)
- The corruption too great (6:5)
- The corruption reconfirmed (8:21; 9:21)
- The corruption too great again (11:4)
- The cure reaffirmed to encompass all nations (12:3; 18:17-18)

Old Testament Snapshot

- **Deut 10:19**, *‘Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.’*
- **Ps. 67:4**, *‘Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.’*
- **Isaiah 49:6**, God the Father speaking to the suffering servant, who is Christ, *‘I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’*

- Jonah

- Ruth

The genealogy of Christ in Matthew 1:1-16

Four theological truths the nations know

1) The nations know that there is a God

Ps. 19:1, 'The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice^b goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.'

2) The nations know there is a creator

Rom 1:20, For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

3) The nations know that they have sinned against that creator

Rom 2:14-15, For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them.'

4) The nations know that there is a life that is coming after this life

Eccl. 3:11, 'He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart'

The nations' response and their cure

- Religion

Re is the prefix to do something over again

Ligion is taken from the Latin *legarde* which is to 'tie'

- Relationship

- One way

John 14:6, Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father but through me.'

God will ultimately conquer

- *Habakkuk 2:14, 'For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.'*
- *Rev 7:9, 'After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,'*