




1 **In Psalm 67, there is a prayer that God's "face would shine upon us."** Now obviously God doesn't have a face that glows, because God is spirit (this is an anthropomorphism). But the imagery here alludes to the countenance of a king. If the king's face shined upon you, it meant that he was favorable to you. If the king's face was turned against you, it meant you were in danger of judgment.

 Take a look at Psalm 34:16 and 1 Peter 3:12 which talk about the face of God. Now, putting these passages together, why would God's face be turned one way or another?

 If God's face is against you, what does that feel like? What happens when God's face is toward you?

2 **The psalmist is begging for God to do something in (Psalm 67:2).** How does his prayer sound like the prosperity gospel message that is very popular today?

 A great way to approach questions in the Bible like the one raised above is to "keep reading." How does his prayer develop and ultimately sound very different from that message? What is the motivation for the psalmist's plea for prosperity?

 What are some of the evidences of prosperity in your life? What do you think might be God's purpose in blessing you?

3 **God wants all the peoples of the earth to worship him (not just some).** When we look around us, we find that many people aren't worshipers of the true and living God yet. Our hearts should be moved with compassion for those who aren't worshipers of our good God. What does a heart of compassion for the lost look like practically? (2 Cor. 5:14-16, Matthew 9:35-38, Luke 15:4)

