

Title: God's Mission

Text: (A Messianic Missions Prophecy) Isaiah 49:6b 'I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles (The Nations), That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'

John 1:4 Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

(A Missions Prophecy) Matt. 16:18 "I will build my Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."

Introduction: 1. The Messiah: 2. The Message & 3. The Messenger

1. *The Messiah:*

- Messianic Prophecy Gen. 12:3 "...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."
- Gen. 22:18 "...and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed..."
- John 1:41 Andrew said: "We have found the Messiah."
- The Children of Israel were expecting a political deliver.
- The Christian Church sees Christ, the Messiah as a spiritual deliver. (The Anointed One.)

2. *The Message:*

- Isa 53:4-7, A Suffering Servant (v.5) "...He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him..."
- 1 John 2:2, A Supreme Sacrifice "He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."
- 1 Peter 2:22, A Sinless Savior "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth."

3. *The Messenger:*

- John 17: 1-5, Jesus prays for Himself as a sent one. (v.3) "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."
- John 17: 6-19, Jesus prays for His disciples sent ones. (v.18) "As you have sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."
- John 17: 20-26, Jesus prays for those who will believe. (v.21b) "May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

1. (I. **Global Knowledge of God v. 2**) God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us. 2. That your ways maybe **known** on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

3. (II. **Global Praise to God v. 3 & 5**) Let the peoples **praise** You, O God; Let all the peoples **praise** You.

4. (III. **Global Joy in God v. 4**) Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for **joy**!

(IV. **Global Justice of God v. 4**) For You shall **judge** the people righteously, And **govern** the nations on earth.

5. Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

6. (V. **Global Harvest for God v. 6**) *Then* the earth shall **yield her increase**; God, our own God, shall bless us.

7. (VI. **Global Worship to God v. 7**) God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall **fear Him**.

(12 times speaks of the nations)

(15 times speaks of God)

Conclusion: The Mission Commandment is Clear

- **Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (v. 20) and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."**
- **We are commissioned to: Go, Give and Gather in the harvest.**
- **Matthew 9:37-38, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest ...to send out workers into his harvest field."**
- **What is God saying to you today about going, giving and gathering in the harvest?**