

**How did your practice of fasting or sabbath go this week? What challenges did you face? Is there anything that God spoke to you about whilst you were fasting and praying?**

The Psalms are wonderfully structured in various ways. Below are helpful tools in thinking about how to understand what a certain Psalm is doing.

### **Rhythm of thought in the Psalms:-**

*Synonymous* - line 2 simply reiterates the idea of line 1; it restates the meaning using different words.

*Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. Psalm 1:5*

*Contrasting* - line 2 contrasts with line 1. It may present the same truth but from the opposite side.

*For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
But the way of the wicked will perish. Psalm 1:6*

*Climactic* - line 2 repeats line 1 but then adds a conclusion.

*Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of the mighty,  
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Psalm 29:1*

*Synthetic* - line 2 expands or explains. Line 2 often but not always begins with a connecting word or phrase such as “for,” “so that,” “since,” or “because.” Gives Reason or Result:

*He established the earth upon its foundations,  
So that it will not totter forever and ever. Psalm 104:5*

*Emblematic* - line 2 explains figurative language used in line 1.

*As the deer pants for the waters,  
So my soul pants for You, O God.*

**Read Psalm 67 – Using the tools above, what can you observe in the Psalm?**

1. Which blessings are linked together in verse 1? Read Number 6:24-26 and Gen 12:2-3.
2. According to verse 2, what is the purpose of God blessing His people? See also 1 Peter 2:9-11
3. In what ways do you feel part of ‘making your ways known...among all the nations’?
4. How many times is the phrase "Let the peoples praise you" repeated? Why do you think this is being repeated?
5. What does v4 suggest about God's role in the natural world and in global justice? Do you ever pray for global justice issues?
6. What does verse 6 say has happened to the earth?
7. Does the physical harvest in verse 6 connect to the spiritual blessings mentioned earlier?
8. What is the relationship between God's blessing and the harvest in this Psalm?

## Prayer Points

What can you give thanks for this week? Take the opportunity to list out the people, things and opportunities that you are grateful for. Perhaps send someone a message, a card or a gift expressing your thanks.

Many Christian women are experiencing discrimination in Bangladesh. Pray that women will experience freedom and healing through attending the new trauma and empowerment workshops run by BMS World Mission's partner the Bangladesh Baptist Church Sangha (BBCS).

## Sermon Notes



# BIBLE STUDY

October 5<sup>th</sup> 2025

## Mission Praise:

### Psalm 67

Harvest is a time of celebration and thanksgiving as we praise God for His gifts and blessings towards us. It is also a time when we think about the wider mission of the church and our partnership with the Baptist Missionary Society.

BMS World Mission mobilises people, resources and skills across the Global Church to share the good news of Jesus and practical hope where they're needed most. They work hand-in-hand with global organisations, mission workers and supporters to: share Christ and nurture disciples, alleviate suffering and injustice, and enable all God's people to play their part in his mission.

Today is an opportunity to give to the work they do.

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