



# Bread of Life Missions Conference 2022

The Living God is a  
Missionary God



# How are you feeling as we start tonight?



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830 living languages

















# The Whole Story...

## **The Biblical Foundation: A single Drama –**

- God on Mission: He has a purpose.
- Curse: God's plan is for Redemption and Adoption
- God wages war against Evil and removes any false Gods.
- God's children are the primary vehicle of Bringing God glory and inviting the rest of the world into his family.

## God's Promise to Abraham

“Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you and all people on earth will be blessed through you.” Genesis 12:1-3

11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”



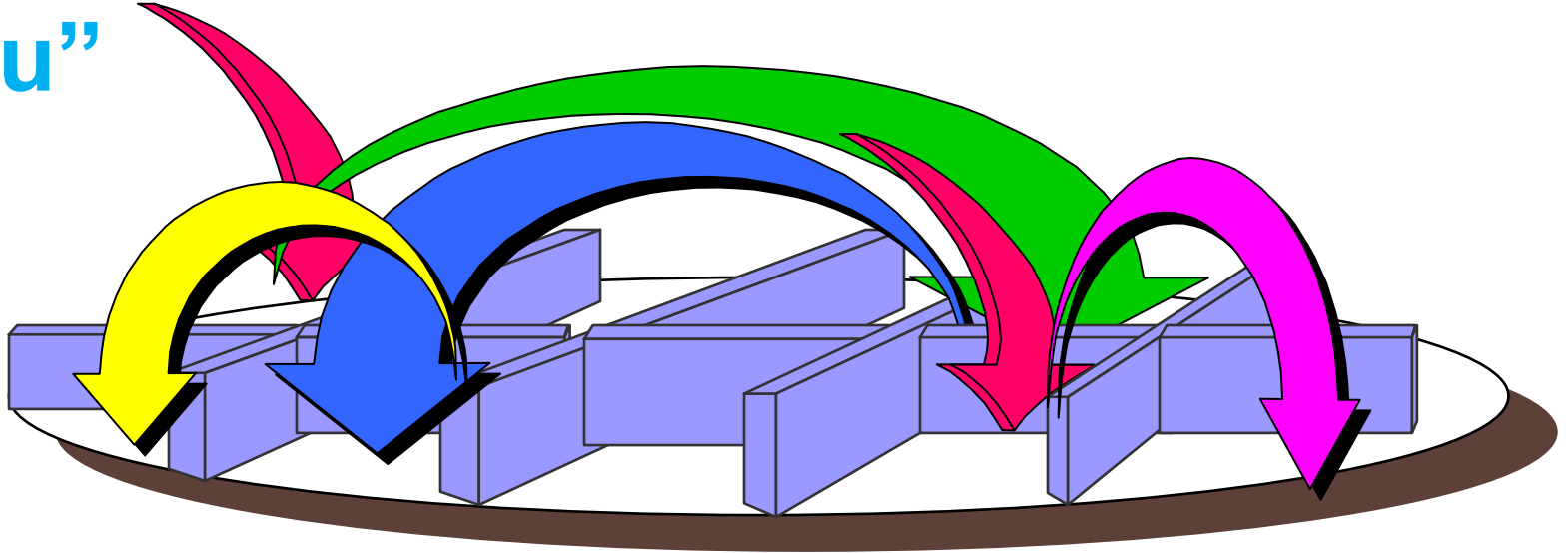
# A. God's promise fulfilled...

- Immediate Fulfillment – Abraham, His family and descendants
- Intermediate Fulfillment– Christ comes, the hope for all nations.
- Ultimate Fulfillment– At the end of the Age. The return of Christ..

# The Plan

“I will bless  
you”

“(Thru you) I will  
bless all nations.”



**What barriers can you think of? (If it is more than one word  
type the words together)**





# The Strategy

Insert barriers – to understanding and acceptance.



# i. Immediate Fulfillment

Abraham – the beginnings of a nation. God establishes his family, protects Abram in two foreign controlled lands...

Joseph – God saves Egypt and God blesses Egypt.

Moses – God Saves Israel, God is glorified

Solomon – God directs: A prayer for the future of the Temple..

For the blessing of the nations

Jonah... God saves Ninevah

...

## ii. Intermediate Fulfillment

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” 2 Corinthians 5:18 - 20

“I have glorified the Father on earth by finishing the work He gave me to do.” John 17:4 - Jesus



# Intermediate fulfillment through whom to what End?

## Jesus

- Brings Glory to the Father
- Crushed evil and Satan underfoot
- Restored relationship with God
- Reconciles mankind to God.
- Adopted us, made us ambassadors, invited us into open communication and worship with God

God does not long for missions.

God himself is a missionary God...

### iii. Ultimate Fulfillment

“You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

<sup>10</sup> And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign<sup>[d]</sup> on the earth.”

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders.

<sup>12</sup> And they sang in a mighty chorus: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered—to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.” Rev. 5:9-12

## C. God's promise reveals God is a Missionary God.

- The God of History
- The God of Covenant
- The God of Mission has a purpose

(See Chap Gen. 15) God tells Abram the future, seals a covenant of promise, and binds the promise with His name ... because there is no higher authority to appeal to!

## 2. God's people: formed for his purpose

1. Not passive, but Active communicators of Blessing: We, God's children are a blessing. God has given his children a key role in Scripture.
2. True Significance: is not in what we do, but rather that in God we "are" a blessing to the nations. Significance is bestowed on us, it is not earned. (Isa 61:6)
3. Participating with God as his children in a holy Priesthood.
4. Proving His purpose (Psalm 67) Mandate to be a blessing ...
  - His redemptive blessing -
  - His supremacy and Kingship -

# Psalm 67

May God be merciful and bless us.

May his face smile with favor on us.

<sup>2</sup> May your ways be known throughout the earth,  
your saving power among people everywhere.

<sup>3</sup> May the nations praise you, O God.

Yes, may all the nations praise you.

<sup>4</sup> Let the whole world sing for joy,  
because you govern the nations with justice  
and guide the people of the whole world.

<sup>5</sup> May the nations praise you, O God.

Yes, may all the nations praise you.

<sup>6</sup> Then the earth will yield its harvests,  
and God, our God, will richly bless us.

<sup>7</sup> Yes, God will bless us,  
and people all over the world will fear him.



# Purpose

We were made to live for purpose. God Himself lives for purpose. The way to live with significance is to devote yourself to a purpose that is larger than your life...

### 3. So What is God's Purpose?

Restoration of all peoples to a relationship with God.

Why? We lost our "Identity" – We were created in the image of God with a desperate "need", a longing to belong, for significance that cannot be realized apart from God.

## 4. God's Purpose Clarified

Toward God – That all people and creation would glorify God.

For People – That all people would know they belong and that all have been invited to become his child. (Gal. 3:29,

Against Evil – God is bent on destroying all things that come between himself and his own.

# Costly... sacrifice



# The house where I grew up





# Brothers (Jim and Kenneth)





# Bringing Jesus and medicine



# 5. The Story of Blessing

1. Creation and Curse: God saw all that he Created was good  
Genesis 1:27 -31, Genesis 3:15 , Genesis 3:21

2. Gospel in Genesis 12

<sup>8</sup> What's more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would declare the Gentiles to be righteous because of their faith. God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, "All nations will be blessed through you."<sup>[a]</sup>

3. God's full purpose: All Creatures return praise **To God, Blessings for his people** results in sharing with others...,  
**against evil = ultimately Christ bearing the curse.**

# 6. The Mandate

Definition: Mandate – an authorization to act given to a representative

Promise becomes Mandate – What are the implications?

- Relational blessing – adoption, a blessing for all peoples
- Physical and spiritual blessings: God blesses his people as a witness to the nations
- Blessing as transformation:
- God's Promise : Missionary God (Genesis 12)

# 7. The Whole Bible as the Greater Mandate

Scriptural Support for Mandate: Gen 1:17 - 31

God's Model:

- God has purposed to be glorified.
- He will be glorified and satisfied when people from every nation and creation are represented before his throne

God's Message:

- To be glorified throughout all the earth
- To use His children/people to be a blessing to all nations
- To defeat evil not remove it by bearing the sacrifice
- To exalt Jesus above all and to forever restore relationship between God and man...



# Tufi Wharf



# Erastus - Shaman





# Four Mechanisms – God at work

## *Voluntary*

GO !

- **Abraham**
- **Missionaries**

COME !

- **Solomon's Temple**
- **Immigration**

## *Involuntary*

GO !

- **Jonah, Daniel, Paul**
- **Military, Business**

COME !

- **Roman Occupation**
- **Refugees, Terrorism**

# 8. Themes of the Biblical Foundation

## Universal motif

- Table of nations – Genesis 10
- Election of Israel – God's eye is on and for the nations.
- Breakthrough during Exile – The Jews view of God during their times in exile gave them a more mature understanding of Him.
- Rescue and Liberation: God redeemed Israel and provided salvation to all nations. Isaiah 42:1-12, 43:1-13, 49:1-13, 52:13-53:12

**Missionary Motif:** God positions his people among those who don't know or worship him. (our Choice or His)

**God is at war:** God will defeat evil on every front. He has positioned himself to defend all.

**Doxology Motif:** Glory: the meaning of to glorify.

Jim gives Kenneth a NT



# Coming of Age Feast







# Spiritual Altar - Foreman





# Every story is about God's glory



Dr. Cynthia J. M. Farr

6 March, 1946 - 15 January, 2008

Korafe - Yegha embo a Baruga embo  
nange jebuga tuve baetera ava kotise.

Cindi nu, noi numamo da reighi dodo.

God da Usasa a Geka

Oro Frovensi eminda budo fusira.

So the Korafe and Baruga people might find life.  
Cindi left her homeland and brought God's light  
and His Word here to the Oro Province



“The gospel is only good if it gets there in time.”

Carl Ferdinand Howard Henry, Trinity International University,  
Theologian

Reflection: What is God's mission?

How has this lesson challenged your theological understanding of where mission fits within the church or parachurch?

What is changing in your understanding of your purpose?



# What are you taking away from tonight?



# Questions



