

# The Glory of God in the Gladness of the Nations in God

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**Scripture:** Psalms 138:4, Isaiah 34:16, Psalm 96:1, Psalm 67:4, Revelation 15:3, Psalm 47:1, Psalm 96:11

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## Transcript

The gladness of God, the gladness of Godward singing, is a sign that the kingdoms of the earth belong to Christ. Psalm 138. All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O Lord.

O Lord, for they have heard of thy words, of the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord. That's all the kings of the earth are going to sing to the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. Or Isaiah 34, 16, they lift up their voices, they sing for joy over the majesty of the Lord, they shout from the west, from the ends of the earth we hear songs of praise to the righteous one.

So this is the sign, singing, global singing among all the powers is the sign of the triumph of Christ among the nations. A song of joy to the majesty of the Lord. So the singer gets the joy and the Savior gets the glory, the praises.

That's the way God has set up the world. He's designed the world so that God gets the glory among the nations and the nations get the gladness in God. Neither happens without the other.

God doesn't get the glory he should have without the gladness in the nations. The nations will never be glad in God except through knowing, loving, delighting in, being satisfied by the glory of God. There is one united goal for the universe, namely the glory of God in the gladness of the nations in God.

A gladness that is of such a nature that it cries out, what language shall I borrow? And answers, I will borrow the language of singing and I will summon the nations to join me. So Father, I pray that the upshot of the entire conference and these last couple of hours in particular would be the means by which you would catapult hundreds of people singing to the nations. I ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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