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The Lord wants you to live in His light.

Ps. 67:7 *May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear Him. (NIV)*

Oh, that this would be the prayer of our heart. Not so that we can enjoy the blessings of the only One Who can truly bless us, but so that all the earth would fear Him. There is a great lack of reverence for the LORD amongst the nations. People have categorized the LORD and put Him in their spiritual bucket so to speak. In this way, they can take Him out and ask for things when they need them.

The LORD will never be anyone's spiritual genie; granting the wishes of their own selfish hearts. Instead, He is the Mighty King of the whole universe, and He holds all power within His hands. When we realize this and begin to worship Him as Who He really is, then the power of the LORD becomes evident in His people. There is a beautiful and powerful picture of this in **2 Chron. 20:15-17** *He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.'* NIV)

Well, how did this turn out? The best part is in the following verses: **vv. 21-24** *After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise Him for the splendor of His holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the Lord, for His love endures forever." As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another. When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped.*

(NIV) Dear LORD, we need to worship You so that the peoples of this world will fear You and reverence You for Who You really are. LORD, help us to boldly follow You by faith.

In Jesus Name, Amen