

**OUR CONFIDENCE AND HOPE**

**Psalm 86:9**

**Context:** a) disdain of unbelievers (v7, 14, 17)

b) discouragement in serving You (v1-7)

Cf. the Church today: can be discouraged in the disdain of unbelief around us that seems to be triumphant

Needs a bigger picture of God: central stanza: v8-10;  
the central verse of the psalm: **v9**

Notice 4 key words:

1. **WILL:** \_\_\_\_\_ of His sovereignty

Think of the many times Scripture asserts the certainty of the nations coming to Him. Egs:

- Genesis 12:3
- Psalm 2:8
- Psalm 22:27
- Psalm 66:4
- Isaiah 66:23
- Matthew 24:14
- John 10:16
- **Revelation 15:3-4**

2. **ALL:** \_\_\_\_\_ of His rule

Not every individual, but representatives from every people group

Matthew 28:18-20: ALL authority → ALL nations  
Christianity is the one transcultural world religion

3. **WORSHIP** \_\_\_\_\_ of His Mission

Revelation 7:9-10: God-centered, not man-centered

4. **GLORY** to Your Name

\_\_\_\_\_ of His Mission

J. Piper: Missions exists because worship doesn't.

He made them: Revelation 4:11

He redeemed them: Revelation 5:9-10

**Conclusion:** His prayer for joy (v4) is answered by a

\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

So now he asks for an \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (v11), so HE will glorify His Name (v12),

and declare that Glory among the nations (96:3)

So what

1. Do you have confidence in the ultimate success of Jesus' mission among the nations?
2. Do you long for more Glory to Jesus from people, and people groups, that now ignore Him?
3. How are you feeding that vision and desire?  
Books on missions, biographies of missionaries, prayer letters, conferences . . .
4. Have you considered your unique contribution to the Mission?  
Praying – Giving – Going
5. What divides your heart? Your idols:  
Eg: Matthew 6:33-34; 13:22

Get a larger picture of Jesus (Matthew 28:18) that compels you....  
So 3 speakers coming up to enlarge your vision....