



THE STORY OF HIS GLORY

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Christ's Life Purpose

John 17:4

- **How did Jesus state his life purpose?**
“I have glorified You on earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.”
- **Would you be interested in doing what Jesus did and accomplishing what Jesus did?**

Turning Hearts Toward Hope: Passion for Global Glory

- ***Three days later...***
- **A. Re-Centered on His Glory Luke 24:26-17,31-33**
 - Entered their pain and disappointment
 - Retold the story about himself
 - :31 *“Then their eyes were opened...”*
 - :32 *“were not our hearts burning within us?”*
 - **Jesus re-centers their lives on His Glory!**

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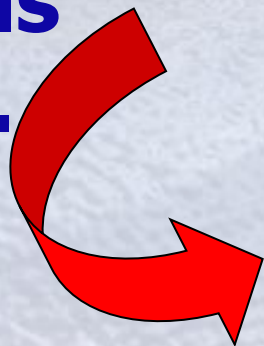
- **Re-Entered to His Purpose Acts 1:3b,8**
 - **When he joins them, he retells the Kingdom story**
 - **He places them into the larger story...**
 - **i.e. Start where you are... Step into the larger story!**

Beginning at the End: Glory and Worship

- **A. Glory. What it is and how it flows.**
Psa 96

**God reveals His glory to all nations in order
to receive glory from all nations.**

**God reveals
His glory...**



**...to receive
glory from all
nations!**



**People are saved to serve God in
worship.**

God's Name

Three biblical notions of name:

- 1. **Nametag Name--Reference**

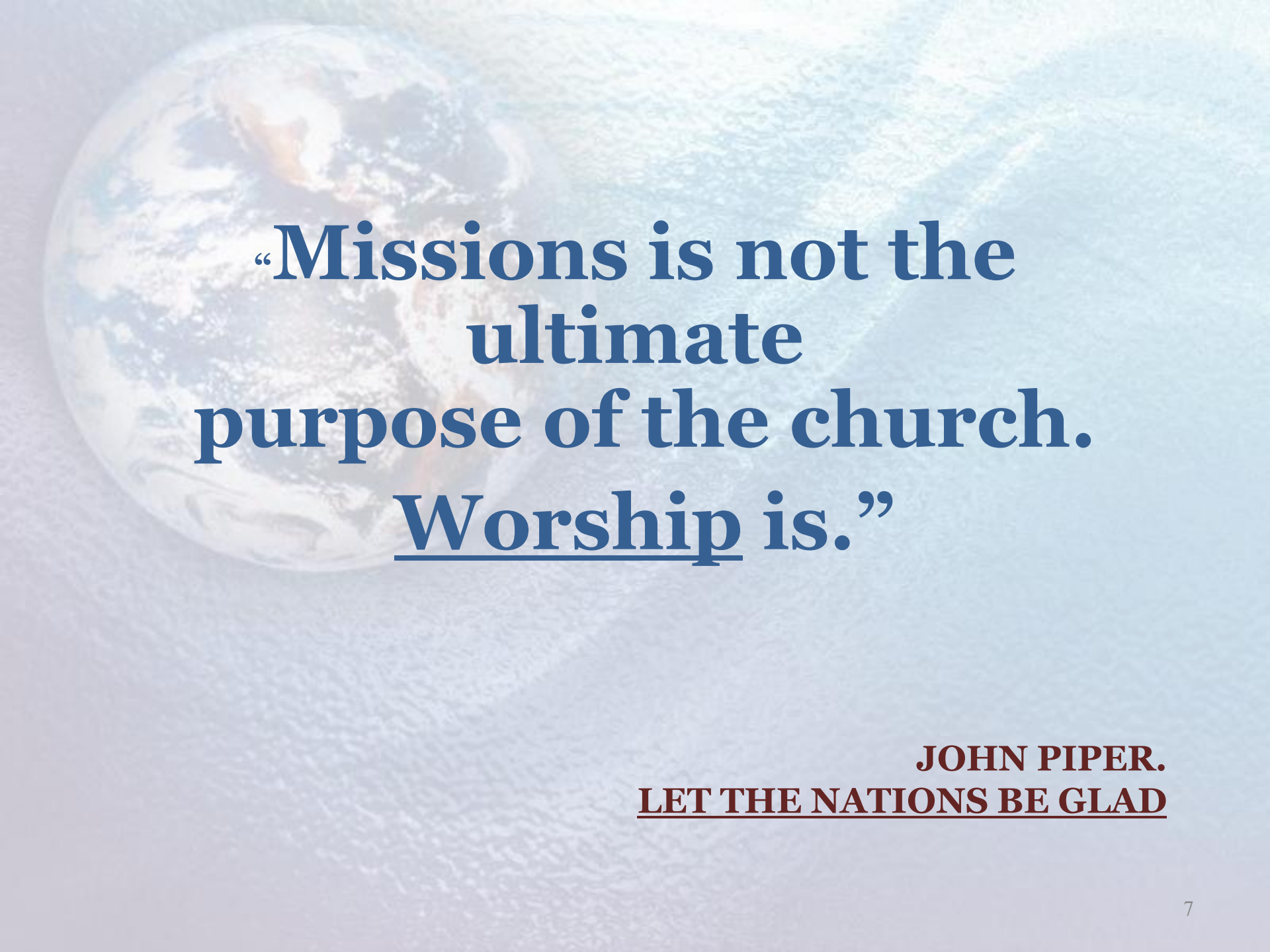
E.g.: **Jehovah-Jireh, et al**

- 2. **Window Name--Revelation**

E.g.: *“The Lord is my shepherd...”*

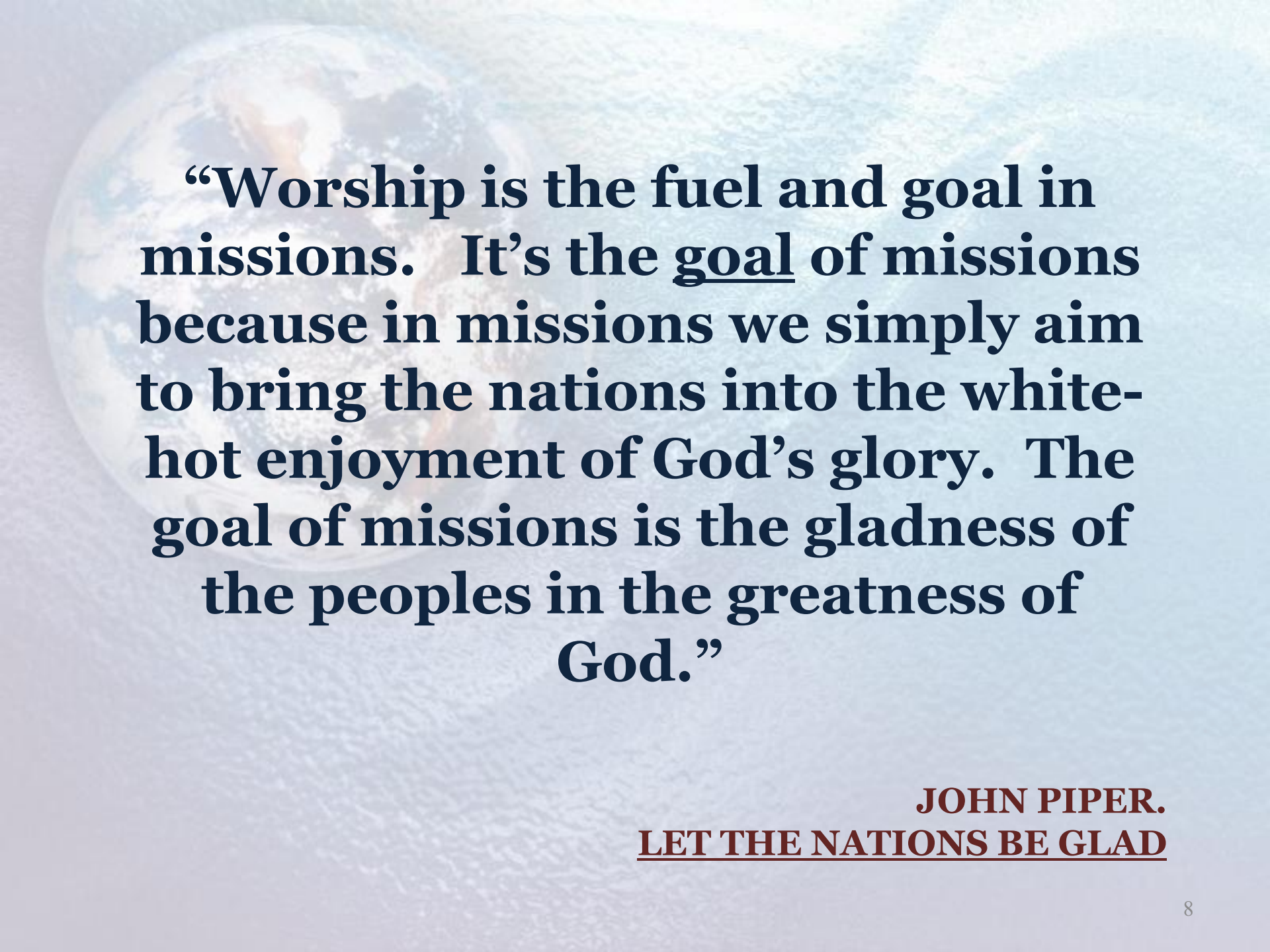
- 3. **Fame Name--Reputation**

E.g.: *“His name is exalted...”*



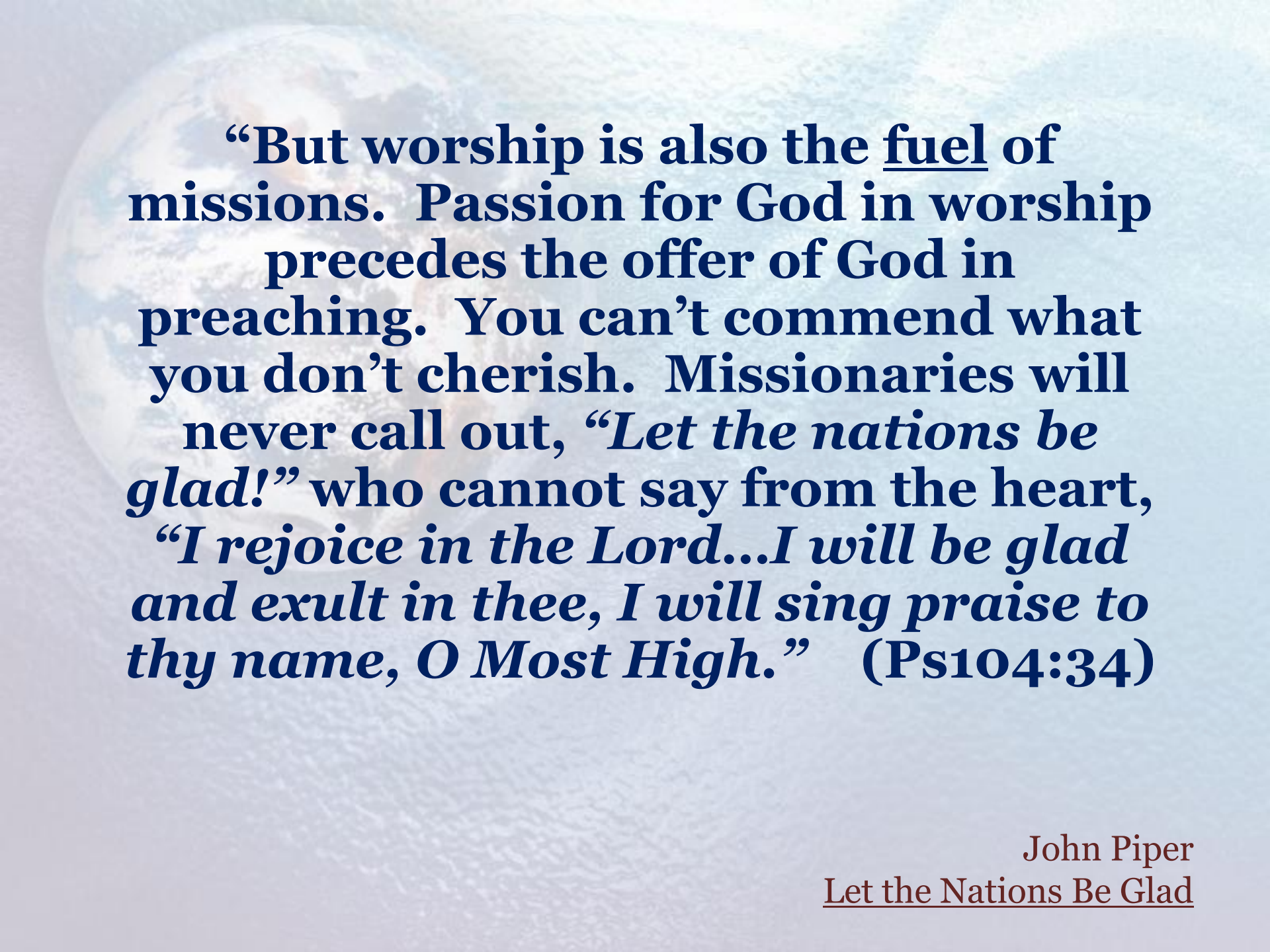
**“Missions is not the
ultimate
purpose of the church.
Worship is.”**

**JOHN PIPER.
LET THE NATIONS BE GLAD**



“Worship is the fuel and goal in missions. It’s the goal of missions because in missions we simply aim to bring the nations into the white-hot enjoyment of God’s glory. The goal of missions is the gladness of the peoples in the greatness of God.”

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LET THE NATIONS BE GLAD**



“But worship is also the fuel of missions. Passion for God in worship precedes the offer of God in preaching. You can’t commend what you don’t cherish. Missionaries will never call out, “*Let the nations be glad!*” who cannot say from the heart, “*I rejoice in the Lord...I will be glad and exult in thee, I will sing praise to thy name, O Most High.*” (Ps104:34)

John Piper
Let the Nations Be Glad

The Faith Family: This is My Name Forever

- **Abraham Calls on the Name. Genesis 12:7,8; 13:4**
 - ✓ **What is Abram's first act in response to the blessing?**
 - ✓ **He worships God!**
- “There Abram called on the name of the Lord.”*

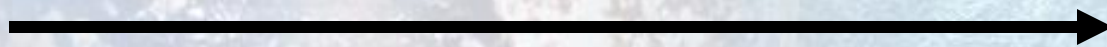


God on Mission

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**Throughout History in
order that...**

- ***God's Name is Glorified***
- ***God's Kingdom is Established***
- ***the World is Reconciled to Himself***

1. God on Mission



Throughout History in order
that...

2. Relationship

3. Invitation

4. God Speaks

5. Crisis of
Belief

6. Adjust

7. Obey and
Experience



- *God's Name is Glorified*
- *God's Kingdom is Established*
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Beyond a mere duty of “bottom-line” obligation: Blessed to be a blessing.

Blessing from God

Blessing To God

Power through God

Toward a destiny of utmost significance: Blessed to be a blessing-- so that God will be blessed!

The Faith Family: This is My Name Forever

- **Early Extravaganza of Worship.**
- **Gen 14:17-24**
 - **Abram comes to the help of four kings**
 - **He recaptures the stolen people and bounty**
 - **He tithes to Melchizedek**
 - **Abram is recognized to be blessed as a result...**
 - **God Himself is blessed in praise!**

The Great Display: A People for His Name

- **At the Exodus God distinguishes His name from all other gods. Exodus 9:1,13,15,29**

⌘ “Let my people go...so that they may worship me!”

⌘ “...so that you may know that there is no one like me in all the earth.”

⌘ How did Yahweh want to be known?

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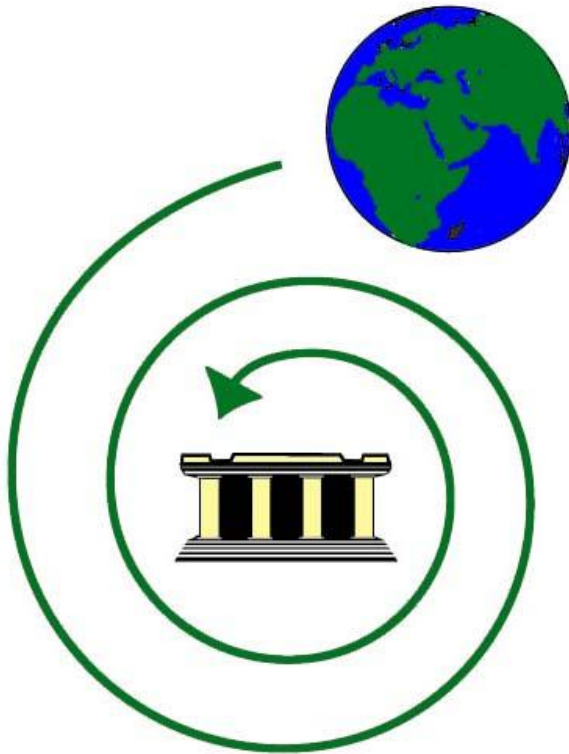
- **God shames the gods of Egypt in open judgment. Exodus 12:12-13, 26-28**
 - **Blood symbolizes God's 'pass-over'**
 - **God strikes Egypt's firstborns**
 - **God demonstrates His power**

In biblical use “judgment” is usually the act of a king to

- 1. Defeat and shame enemies; in order to**
- 2. Save and honor servants**

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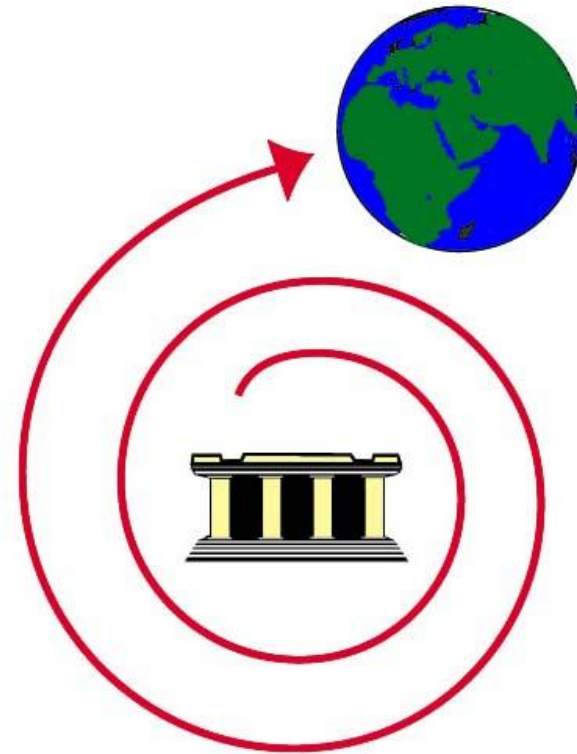
- **God exalts the Hebrews before the gaze of the nations in open covenant. Exodus 32-33**
 - 1. The world is watching Ex 14:4,18,29-31; 15:11,14; 18:1,9-11**
 - 2. To be a kingdom of priests Ex 19:5-6**
 - 3. Mercy for His name's sake Ex 32:1-14, 33:19**
 - 4. More mercy for His name's sake Nu 13-14**



**An Attractive
Force**

**“Come to the
Blessing”**

Centripetal Force



**An Expansive
Force**

**“Go to the
Nations”**

Centrifugal Force



The Great Display: A People for His Name

- **Israel knew God's name was to be great and known among the nations.**
 - **Jonah 4:2-11**

The Great Display: A Place for His Name

- **The Temple: A place for His name to dwell**

Deut 12:4-7, 14

- **What is the significance of “place”?**
 - **A place of revelation**
 - **A place of encounter And relationship!**
- **Psalm 67**

The Great Display: A Place for His Name

- **David's greatest passion --
“Make known among the
nations what he has done.”
(I Chron. 16:8-11,23-24)**
- **“Declare the glory among the
nations,
his marvelous deeds among all
peoples.” (Ps 96:3)**



The Great Display: A Place for His Name

- **Solomon's prayer I Kings 8:15-21,41-43**
 - **God's Promise to David I Kings 17:1-14,24; I Kings 29:6-19,20**

The Great Display: A Place for His Name

- **The nations begin to come. I Kings 10:1,5,7,9**
E.g.: Queen of Sheba comes to see Solomon
- **I Kings 10:23,24 “*The whole world sought Solomon...*”**



The Great Delay: The Profaning of His Name

- **Idolatry: A Great Profaning.**
– **I Kings 11:1-9**



The Great Delay: The Profaning of His Name

- **The Exile: God's Jealous Persistence for His Glory. Jeremiah 7:1-7, 23,28,30; Ezekiel 36:24-28**



Surpassing Hope: A Later Greater Glory

- **Prophetic Vision for His Glory
Amos 9:9,11-12, Psa 86:8-9, Isa
56:6-8, et al**



Surpassing Hope: A Later Greater Glory

- **A Presiding King-Priest Ezekiel
37:21-22, 26-28, Haggai 2:6-9,
Malachi 1:11, Psa 22:26-31, Psa 110,
and more.**



Life On Purpose: “For the Sake of the Name”

- **Going and Sending for His glory and kingdom 3 John:7**

Let's be fellow-worshippers for the Gospel truth!

Life On Purpose: “For the Sake of the Name”

- **Praying for His glory and kingdom
Mat 6:20,33**
 - **We are to pray for God’s glory...a request!**
 - **We are to pray for God’s kingdom...**

How would that change your prayers?
- John 14**



Life On Purpose: “For the Sake of the Name”

- **Practical Passion for God’s Glory
Romans 11:33-36, Romans 15:5,6**



Grace From God

- By God's empowering blessing, Rom 15

Glory To God

- Be a gift: Good, Pleasing, Purposeful
Rom 12

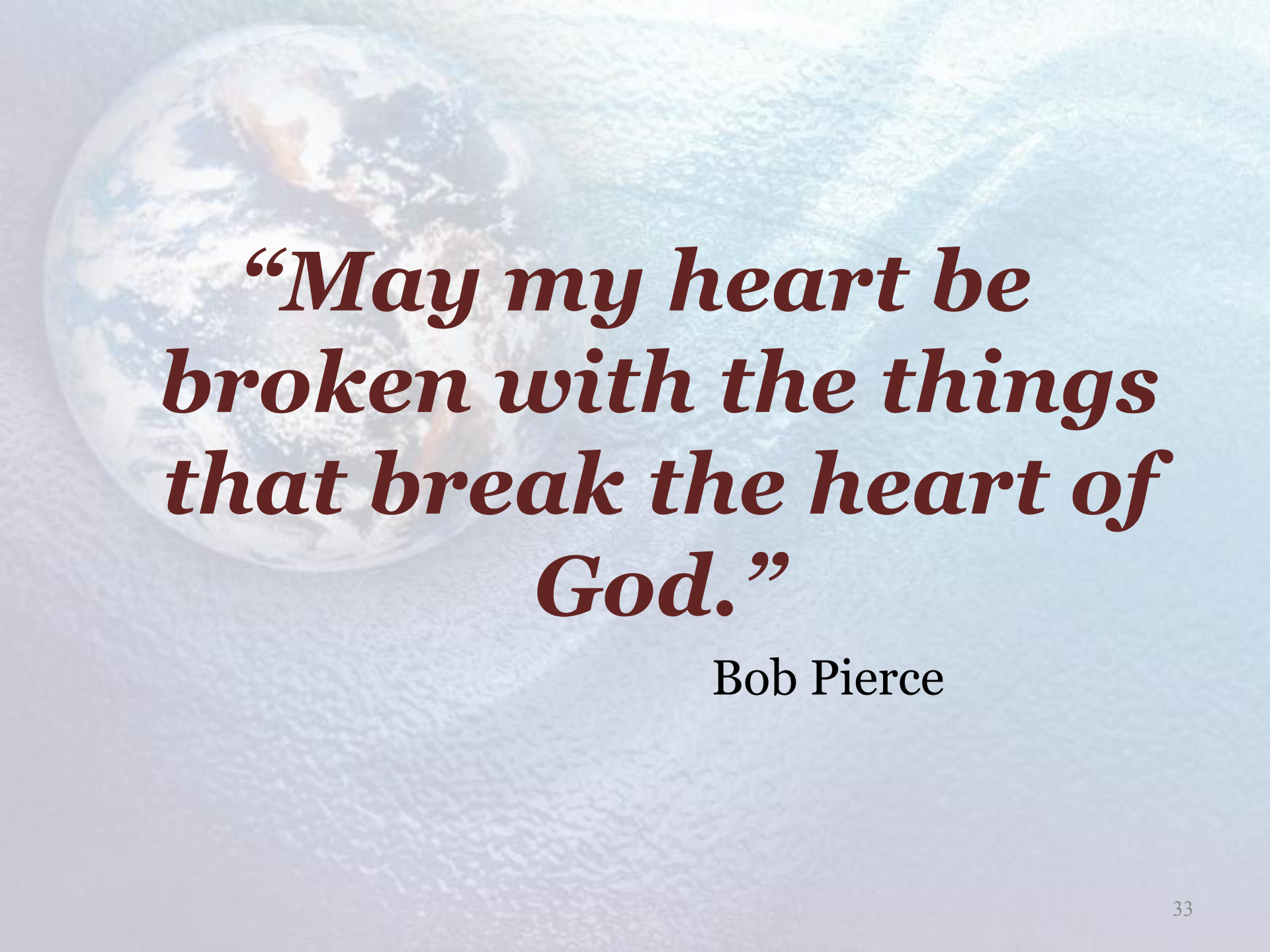
Power Through God

- With Christ Himself, Rom 15



Life On Purpose: “For the Sake of the Name”

- **Following Jesus**
– **John 12**



***“May my heart be
broken with the things
that break the heart of
God.”***

Bob Pierce