

THE PEOPLE OF GOD

EVERY PEOPLE AND EVERY NATION

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Psalm 67

One of the crucial questions connected with the debate over dispensationalism is about the nature of the people of God. Traditionally, dispensationalists have affirmed that Israel and the church are distinct peoples of God. The opponents of dispensationalism, as well as contemporary, progressive dispensationalists, have maintained that God has only one people, and that it consists essentially of the redeemed of all ages. What I wish to do in this series of messages is to explore the notion of “people of God” and to attempt to use this rubric to shed light upon the relationship between Israel and the church.

We will begin in Psalm 67. This may seem like an odd place to commence a conversation about dispensationalism. Nevertheless, I believe that this psalm helps us to answer three important questions concerning the notion “people of God.”

I. What Is a People?

II. What Is a People of God?

III. What Does God Want from His People?