

“DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS”

A SERMON ON MISSIONS

PSALM 96:3

INTRODUCTION —

A. DECLARE HIS GLORY — THE LORD IS GOD

1. GOD — IS OUR CREATOR AND LORD
2. MEN — ARE CALLED TO KNOW & WORSHIP GOD
3. MISSIONS EXISTS BECAUSE WORSHIP DOESN'T

B. DECLARE HIS GLORY — SALVATION ONLY IN CHRIST

1. OUR MANDATE — DECLARE / PREACH / TELL
2. OUR MESSAGE — THE SAVING WORK OF OUR GOD
3. OUR MOTIVE — GOD'S GLORY & MAN'S JOY

C. DECLARE HIS GLORY — AMONG THE NATIONS

1. ALL ARE LOST WITHOUT CHRIST (ACTS 4:12)
2. THE CHURCH MUST GO WITH THE GOSPEL (LK 24/ROM 10)
3. GOD'S GLOBAL GOAL (REV. 5:9-10)

CLOSING WORDS

AMEN

J. H. Thornwell quote...

“If the Church could be aroused to a deeper sense of the glory that awaits her, she would enter with a warmer spirit into the struggles that are before her. Hope would inspire ardor. She would even now arise from the dust, and like the eagle, plume her pinions for loftier flights than she has yet taken. What she wants, and what every individual Christian wants, is FAITH — faith in her sublime vocation, in her Divine resources, in the presence and efficacy of the Spirit that dwells in her — faith in the truth, faith in Jesus, and faith in God. With such a faith there would be no need to speculate about the future. That would speedily reveal itself. It is our unfaithfulness, our negligence and unbelief, our low and carnal aims, that retard the chariot of the Redeemer. The Bridegroom cannot come until the Bride has made herself ready. Let the Church be in earnest after greater holiness in her own members, and in faith and love undertake the conquest of the world, and she will soon settle the question whether her resources are competent to change the face of the earth.”

~ Collected Writings, 1871, volume 2, page 48;
quoted by Iain H. Murray in The Puritan Hope,
(Banner of Truth Trust, 1971, page xxii).