



PSALM 67

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The benediction at the end of a worship service is a prayer that the blessing received at the sanctuary will go with the worshipers and link the going out of the worshipers with the ongoing blessing of God in all the fundamental aspects of their lives.

Tate, M. E., Psalms 51–100 (pp. 158–159)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make
his face shine on us.

Psalm 67:1

Why begin at the end?

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1. It reminded them of the priority of worship.

The Lord said to Moses, “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

“ ‘ “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” ’

“So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

Numbers 6:22-27

From “you” to “us”

Numbers 6

The LORD bless **you** and keep **you**; the LORD make his face shine on **you**.

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May God be gracious to **us** and bless **us** and make his face shine on **us**.

The divine name

So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will
bless them.

Numbers 6:27

Why begin at the end?

1. It reminded them of the **priority** of worship.
2. It reminded them of one **purpose** of worship.

So that your ways may be known on earth, your
salvation among all nations.

Psalm 67:2

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the
peoples praise you.

Psalm 67:3,5

The repetition of “praise” turns the focus from enemies out there to friends everywhere.

Why begin at the end?

1. It reminded them of the **priority** of worship.
2. It reminded them of one **purpose** of worship.
3. It reminded them of some **practices** of worship.

**In worship we express thanks
for God's blessings.**

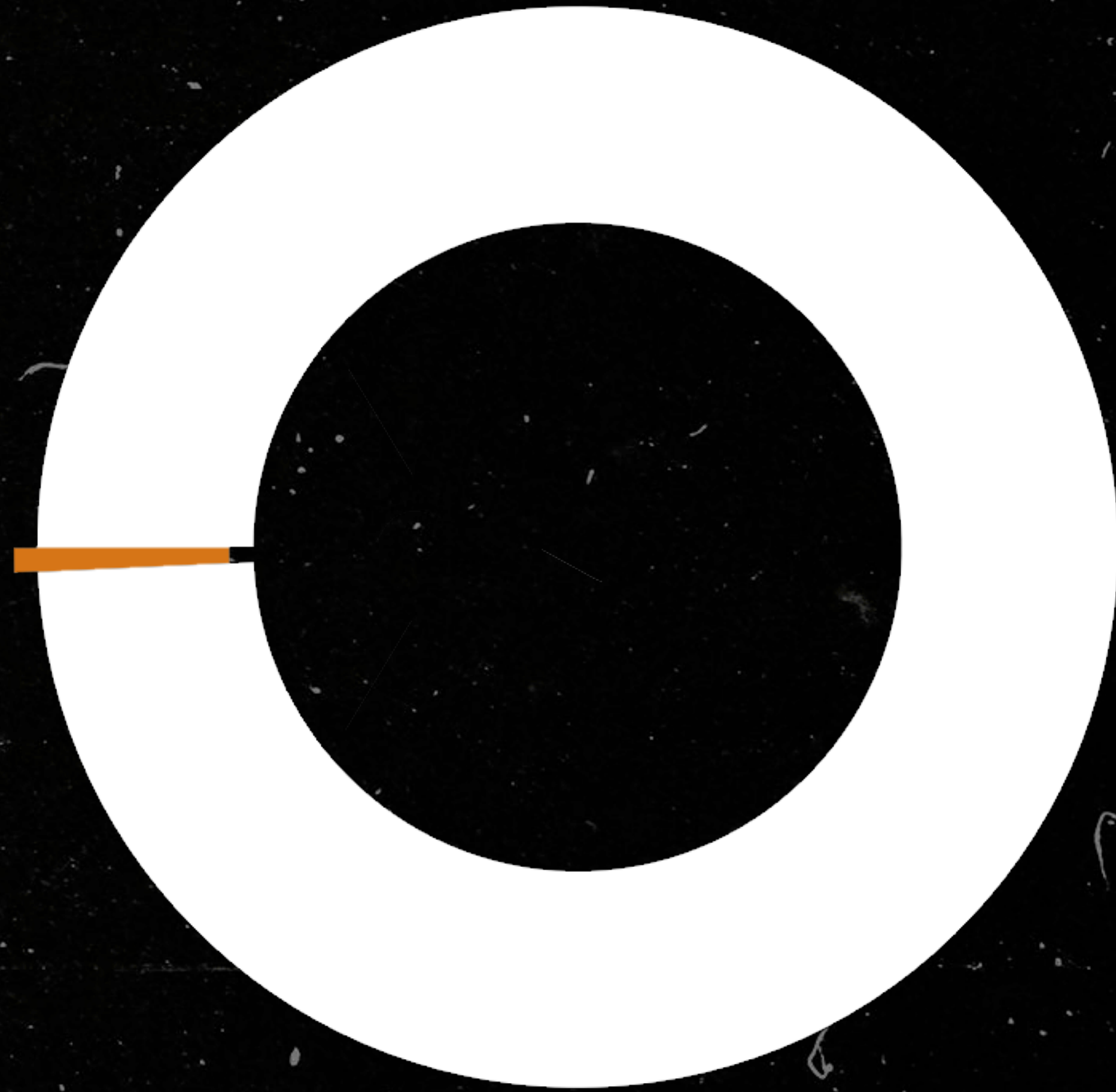
The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

Psalm 67:6

**In worship we acknowledge being
blessed to be a blessing.**

May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the
earth will fear him.

Psalm 67:7



**Worship is so much more than 75 minutes in here.
Worship addresses the 10,005 minutes we spend out there.**

**When we reach the end of the service,
the serving has only just begun.**



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