



BETWEEN 6:00—9:00 AM: HE TOWERS ABOVE PEOPLE OF ALL COLORS AND PICKS UP THE PICKED ON

We just started on “The Big Ten” (our breakdown of key Gospel events) but we’re going to interrupt it because, well, when the Spirit leads, we have to follow! (Also, I didn’t get the art info to Kierra Jones on time, but that’s another story.) We’re on the Spirit’s time. So, with this pause, let’s consider the intersection of faith and ethnicities after giving the Lord our love and acclaim. Ps. 67 can help us.

- Psa. 67:0** *To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.*
- Psa. 67:1** *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah*
- Psa. 67:2** *that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.*
- Psa. 67:3** *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!*
- Psa. 67:4** *Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah*
- Psa. 67:5** *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!*
- Psa. 67:6** *The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.*
- Psa. 67:7** *God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!*



Have you ever wished for something with all your heart? To the point of sickness? This Psalmist suffers from “Wish Fever.” We know this because the word “may” or “let” appears seven times in just seven verses. Go back and circle them. Then identify what precisely he longs for above everything else. Hint: notice how many times the words “nations” or “peoples” are used in quick succession. Put it all together now. What should we also want, pray and work for? Do we want this as a church? Talk to God about this.

BETWEEN 9:00-12:00 PM: Only One Solution

One year ago, Amber Guyger, a former Dallas police officer, was convicted for the murder of her unarmed, black neighbor, Botham Shem Jean. At her sentencing hearing, the distraught defendant asked Judge Tammy Kemp for advice. The judge, a committed follower of Jesus, left the bench and talked to kindly to Guyger who asked the judge if she could be forgiven. That's when Judge Kemp went back to her chambers and returned with her Bible. After reading John 3:16, Judge Kemp gave Amber the Bible — and to the nation's shock, a big hug. Read John 3:16.



John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

As our nation continues to be convulsed by race and law enforcement issues, I marvel at the work of the Holy Spirit in Judge Kemp's life. She didn't have to extend grace to this white woman. She didn't have to risk the ire of her critics like the Freedom From Religion Foundation, which filed a complaint against the judge. She could have washed her hands of this woman, turned her back and returned to her chambers. No one would have criticized her. But instead she proved her loyalty to the new humanity created by Jesus (Eph. 2:14). It's a new “racial” group that minimizes our old identities. Everyone who believes, whatever their skin tint, gets a “Spirit sheathing.” Which race do you identify with more, the one you were born with, or the one you were born *again* with? Talk to the Lord about this.

Postscript. Guyger tearfully told Judge Kemp that she would return the Bible at the end of her sentence.

BETWEEN 9:00-12:00 PM: MORE ON THE NEW COATING THAT COMES TO ALL WHO BELIEVE

Psa. 133:0 *A Song of Ascents. Of David.*

Psa. 133:1 *Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!*

Psa. 133:2 *It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!*

Psa. 133:3 *It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.*



The oil connects three distinct elements, head, beard and collar. What's the New Testament principle?

BETWEEN 5:00-10:00 PM: NO MORE NEW CONTENT FOR TODAY, JUST TAKE IT EASY

After dinner, do something you enjoy — either by yourself or with someone you live with. Curl up with a good book or watch a quality show or call a friend. Be sure to set your alarm so you can spend quality time with your Best Friend when you wake up (*“In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation”* — Ps. 5:3).