

Sermon Series: The Blessings Of God
Today's Title: "God Desires To Bless Us"
Num. 6:22-27 (ESV)

22 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, 24 The LORD bless you and keep you; 25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; 26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. 27 "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

I. The General Truths Of Biblical Benedictions.

A. God has the last word.

B. God desires to bless us.

C. God is the true and only source of our blessings.

D. God's blessings are both corporate and personal.

E. God's blessings come from His grace.

II. The Specific Blessings.

A. God Will Always Keep His People.

24 The LORD bless you and keep you;

B. God Will Always Be Present And Gracious With His People.

25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

C. God Will Always Delight In His People And Provide Them His Peace.

26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

27 "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

Questions for discussion and meditation:

I. What is God communicating to us when He wants to have the last word in our worship and leave with His blessings? How do benedictions remind us that God is the source of all our needs? What is the context of this particular benediction, and how would believing this blessing have helped the Israelites? What must God provide to bless sinners, and how did He do this?

II. Describe the ways God "keeps" us? What did the Israelites think of when they heard the term "face to shine?" How does God's face shine upon believers? How was Aaron "exhibit A" of God's graciousness? How should God's look of favor transform the way believers think about themselves and the way they interact with others? How did Christ experience the opposite of this benediction so that believers might confidently enjoy it? What must happen for someone to say they are included in these blessings? Has this happened to you?