

NUMBERS 6:22-27 “THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU....”!

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BLESSED ASSURANCE – Fanny Crosby - Billy Graham Choir

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
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*Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain*

NUM. 6:22-27 “THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU....” -- And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [23] "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: [24] "The LORD bless you and keep you; [25] The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; [26] The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." ' [27] "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

The Biblical Setting:

The children of Israel, now a nation of some 1-2 million people, have been delivered from slavery in Egypt and are on their way to the Promised Land. They will be entering the Land where its inhabitants are all worshipping false gods. The characteristics of these false gods are unknown and unknowable, but include fear, anger and dread. Our God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is totally and completely different. He is so righteous and just and perfect that there is nothing like Him anywhere.

He instructs Moses to give to the people *Numbers 6:22-27* so they will know who God says that He is and what He is like. They are to be told this after each Tabernacle service, daily, in order that they do not forget! We of course, have the very same need to be reminded and to know how awesome, perfect, righteous and just our God is!

MOSES BLESSES THE PEOPLE AS GOD INSTRUCTS – SIX THINGS THAT GOD PROMISES

Num 6:22 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: God wanted Moses to represent Him correctly before His people!

Num 6:23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: Aaron and his sons that succeeded him in all after generations, being the persons that were in a public manner to bless the people of Israel, they are particularly addressed, see Deut. 10:8, At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister to Him and to bless in His name, to this day. Saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel ...in such manner and with such words as after expressed; standing before the people, lifting up their hands on high, spreading out their fingers, and raising their voices, and pronouncing the blessing in the Hebrew language, in the name of Jehovah, with their face towards the people; all which, according to the Jewish writers, were to be strictly observed: Say to them; as follows.

SIX THINGS: #1 He is a blessing God! Num 6:24 "The LORD bless you Six things: The first thing - A God who blesses His people. That we have the daily reassurance that He will have our needs met. He's eager to bless us. He will bless us! He wants us to have His sanctified boldness that our God is a blessing God. *Psalm 37 young and now am old....have not seen the righteous forsaken. Don't waste time worrying! It's a 100% waste of time. Trust in Him!* He has proven Himself unfailingly a blessing God. Always had done what is best. Whenever He has said no, time will show that He always has something better than we have asked for. My God is a blessing God and He will encourage me.

#2 He is a keeping God! and keep you; He will keep you! He wants us reassured that He is a keeping God! “Keep”, means to hedge about; to guard about; like a wall around a city. Protection in this fallen world, It has always been a valuable thing. He is our ultimate protection! *Psalm 121. John 17:11-12 – keep them in Your name; John 6:39 - all that the Father gives....I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. He will not lose a single one.* He is faithful to us until the time to go to be with Him, but only after our ministry is over. And then faithful for all eternity!

#3 He is a smiling God! Num 6:25 The LORD make His face shine upon you, - When He looks at us He smiles at us with a pleased face, enjoying our company! It shines before His people. The very sight of us is that we put a beaming smile on His face when He sees us! Everything is all right and will be all right because He is smiling at us!

#4 He is a gracious God! And be gracious to you; - He is not dealing with us in justice but in grace. We can't be reminded of this too often. I wish I never failed but I do. I fail every day. I need to be reminded of His grace every single day. Your grace is greater than all my sin. **Rom. 5:20** "where sin abounded, grace abounded much more." Hyper abounded! No sin for a child of God is greater than His forgiveness. **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He is a greater forgiver than we are a sinner! What tremendous hope for me, for you!

#5 He is an attentive God! Num 6:26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, We have His full attention. He cares, watches, hears our prayers. Does He know? Yes, He knows. He reminds us. We have His full attention. All we need to know that He knows. He's working all things together for good for us who know Him.

#6 He is a God that gives peace! And give you peace. He wants us to be confident that He is a God that gives peace. Shalom – really a prayer for the well being for a person – the very best for their life. He wants to remind us that He only wants the very best for us. Allows us to be at peace. **God answers all of my prayers in the same way that I would answer them if I had His wisdom, power and love!** When a person understands that about God and about ourselves, **there will be peace in our lives!** If we only realize how concerned He is about us. He only wants the very best for us. And that we believe that – then peace!

GOD'S PROMISE: Num 6:27 "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, A name was something more than just a label. It represented one's nature. All that God has said here is to remind them of his nature and what He is like! They, as we, needed to be reminded of this because there is no one is like this in all of the world! Because we can find that it's hard to believe, so we need to hear it over and over and over daily. We tend to forget it so quickly. This is what we need to hear every single day, all the time!

and I will bless them." You do this, and I will be faithful to live up to this in every one of their (and your) lives! Don't hide it from them and I will be exactly what is described here in each of their lives! Wow!

SUMMARY: Our God:

#1 He is a blessing God! #2 He is a keeping God! #3 He is a smiling God! #4 He is a gracious God! #5 He is an attentive God! #6 He is a God that gives peace!

Pray Today For: Our Church, Nationally/locally; Our Nation: Our leaders; Police officers/military. Supreme Ct. Justices: John Roberts, Jr., Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Neil Gorsuch; President & V.P.: Donald & Melania Trump; Mike & Karen Pence. General James Kelly. The Cabinet and all advisors. Appointee - Christopher Wray, F.B.I.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) – Matt Redman

Verse 1: The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning/ It's time to sing Your song again/ Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me/ Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul/ O my soul/ Worship His holy name/ Sing like never before/O my soul/I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 2: You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger/ Your name is great, and Your heart is kind/ For all Your goodness I will keep on singing/ Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3: And on that day when my strength is failing/ The end draws near and my time has come/ Still my soul will sing Your praise unending/ Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name/ Lord, I'll worship Your holy name/ Sing like never before/ O my soul/ I'll worship Your holy name/ Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name/ I'll worship Your holy name

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