

NUM. 6:22-27 "THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU...."

Num 6:22 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:

Num 6:24 "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:

- In Numbers, chapters 3-6, the LORD gives us the **duties of the priests**....serving in the Tabernacle; duties of each of the three sons of Levi; Census of the Levites; Ceremonial requirements; The Law of the Nazirite; ending with today's study, that of the priestly blessing.
- Generally there were **two major priestly duties**...the first was that of going in before God, **representing the people**.
- Having then represented you before God, the priest would return and then represent God to you. So **the second** portion of the priestly duty **was representing God to the people**. So the priest became God's representative. He stood there in God's place, to represent God.
- **HOW ARE YOU, AS HIS CHILD, AS HIS WITNESS, REPRESENTING HIM?**

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:

- *Speak to Aaron and his sons,....* 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 *Deu_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 upon an eminence, 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.

Num 6:24 "The LORD bless you and keep you;

- *The Lord bless you,....* Jehovah, **Father, Son, and Spirit**; the word "Jehovah" being used three times, and a different accent put to each word, denoting three distinct persons and one Jehovah, according to *Deu_6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!;* who are **each of them concerned** in the blessing of the Lord's people, the spiritual Israel of God;



- **Jehovah the Father blesses with all spiritual blessings**, with electing, adopting, justifying, and pardoning grace, with regenerating and calling, and persevering grace, and with eternal life:
- **Jehovah the Son blesses particularly with redeeming grace**, and has a concern in all the other blessings; the saints are blessed with them in Him, they are all in His hands, they are procured by Him, come through Him, and are the gifts of His grace:
- and **Jehovah the Spirit blesses as a spirit of regeneration and sanctification**, as the spirit of faith, as a comforter, as the spirit of adoption, and as the earnest and sealer of the saints unto the day of redemption:
- **and keep you;** from, the evil of the world, from the evil one Satan, from the evil of sin, and the power, prevalence, and dominion of it, and from falling totally and finally by it, and keep in a state of grace unto everlasting salvation.

Num 6:25 The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;

- **The Lord make his face to shine upon you,....** Cause Himself, the sun of righteousness, to arise and shine upon them, and give both spiritual light and heat unto them; grant His gracious presence, the manifestations of Himself, communion with Him, clearer discoveries of His love, of interest in Him, and an increase of spiritual light and knowledge of His Gospel, and the truths of it, and of His mind and will:
- **and be gracious to you;** by granting larger measures of grace out of His fullness, by leading more abundantly into it, and making fresh and frequent applications of it; grace is often wished for from Christ as well as from the Father. *Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Num 6:26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." '

- **The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,....** Show His face and favor, look cheerfully on His people, declare Himself well pleased with them in Christ, and appear as smiling upon them through Him, indulging them with visits of love, restoring to them the joys of His salvation, and upholding them with His free Spirit; and so causing them to walk pleasantly and comfortably in the ways of God, expecting eternal life and happiness, as God's free gift through Christ:
- **and give you peace;** all outward needful prosperity, internal peace of mind, through the blood and righteousness of Christ, the peacemaker, and peace giver, and eternal peace in the world to come. *Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;*

Num 6:27 "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

- **So they shall put my name on the children of Israel,....** Call them by His name, the people of the Lord; call upon the name of the Lord to bless them, and pronounce the blessing on them in the name of the Lord, in or by the name Jehovah, three times used in this form of blessing:
- **and I will bless them;** really and truly bless them with blessings indeed; with all sorts of blessings temporal and spiritual; with solid and substantial ones; and such are blessed, and will remain so, their blessings are irrevocable and irreversible; and unless the Lord blesses, in vain do the priests bless, or any of His ministers pronounce a blessing; theirs

lies in words and wishes, His in real facts; they can only pray and wish for the blessing, it is He only that can give it, and can ratify and confirm what they declare and pronounce, according to His revealed word. Some refer the relative "them" to the priests, as if the sense was, I will bless the priests that bless Israel, for God will bless them that bless His people; **ARE YOU THANKFULLY RECEIVING ALL HIS BLESSINGS THAT HE HAS FOR YOU?**

SUMMARY:

- **OUR GOD INDEED IS A BLESSING GOD!!!**
- **HOW ARE YOU, AS HIS CHILD, AS HIS WITNESS, REPRESENTING HIM?**
- **ARE YOU RECEIVING, WITH THHANKSGIVING, ALL HIS BLESSINGS THAT HE HAS FOR YOU?**

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*

Grace – Michael W. Smith, Martin Smith (Ephesians 2:4-9)

*I was lost when You found me here/ You pulled
me close and held me near/ And I'm a fool but
still You love/ I'll be a fool for the King of love/
you gave me wings so I could fly/ Gave me a song
to color the sky/ And all I have is all from You/
And all I want is all of You*

*It's grace, Your grace, I'm nothing without You/
Your grace, Your grace shines on me*

*And there've been days when I've walked away/
Too much to carry, nothing left to say/ Forgive
me, Lord, when I'm weak and lost/ For you
traded Heaven for a wooden cross/ And all these
years You've carried me/ You've been my eyes
when I could not see/ And beauty grows in the
driving rain/ Your oil of gladness in the times of
pain/ Shines on me, shines on me/ Your grace, it
shines on me/ Shines on me, shines on me/ It's
Your grace*