

Bless You - cont.

The Lord stands ready to “lift up his countenance” upon his people when they obey him. This means that the Lord will pay them special attention and with a favorable attitude (Psalm 4:6; 34:15; 42:5; 44:3; 89:15). Faithful Christians today will receive the favorable attention and attitude of the Lord when they obey him (2 Thesalonians 2:16; 1 Peter 5:10).

And Give You Peace

The Lord stands ready to give “peace” to his troubled people when they obey him. The Lord will offer well-being, wholeness, health, prosperity, salvation, and all good gifts to his people (Psalm 16:11; 29:11; 37:11). Faithful Christians today are granted peace from the Lord as well when they obey (Ephesians 2:14ff; Philippians 4:4-7).

Let us live thankfully each day for the Lord’s blessing, protection, approval, graciousness, countenance, and peace. Let us live confidently each day knowing that the Lord stands ready to help us. Let us obey and live faithfully and each day so that we can receive these great blessing from the Lord. Let us live in such a way that we will hear: “The Lord bless you and keep you.”

- Chris Reeves -

Sentence Sermons

- A person is known not only by the company that he keeps, but also by the company that he avoids.
- When the Devil puts stumbling-blocks in your way, step over them and keep going, don’t fall over them and quit.
- You cannot be saved by doing less or more than what is commanded in the scriptures.
- As a he thinks in his heart, so is he.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

*Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
“Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying,
‘Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel.
You shall say to them: The Lord bless you,
and keep you; the Lord make His face to
shine on you, and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance on you,
and give you peace.’ So they shall invoke
My name on the sons of Israel, and
I then will bless them.”*
- Numbers 6:22-27 -

A Priestly Blessing For the Lord’s People

When we come to Numbers 6 in the Old Testament, the Israelites have been receiving God’s law at Mt. Sinai on their journey from Egypt to the promised land (Exodus 20 – Numbers 10). The Israelites would receive God’s loving-kindness in the promised land if they would obey God’s law (Numbers 6:22-27). “The Lord”, repeated three times in this scripture, makes it clear that he is the source of all blessings. “You”, in this scripture, is singular, addressing each faithful Israelite. Each and every Israelite would be blessed by the Lord if they would obey his law.

Faithful Christians are the Lord’s priests today (1 Peter 2:5-9). They are

the “Israel of God” today (Galatians 6:16). Faithful Christians today will be blessed by the Lord in the same way if they will obey his New Testament law as they journey to their promised land, heaven. The priestly blessing in Numbers 6 certainly encouraged the Israelites before they journeyed any further and it does the same for us on our journey to heaven (Hebrews 12:1-2).

The Lord Bless You

The Lord stands ready to “bless” his people when they obey. This is a demonstration of the Lord’s kindness toward them. The Lord wants to make his people prosper in all areas of their life (Psalm 5:11-12; 67:1-7; 115:12-14). The Lord’s blessings are conditional. If the Lord’s people are obedient, then they will be blessed (Leviticus 26:3ff; Deuteronomy 28:1-3). Faithful Christians today are blessed by the Lord with all spiritual blessings when they obey him (Acts 3:26; Ephesians 1:3).

And Keep You

The Lord stands ready to “keep” his people when they obey. This is a demonstration of the guarding and protecting of the Lord’s people (Psalm 91:10-13; 121:1-8). The Lord’s promise of protection is also conditional. The Lord’s people must first trust him and take refuge in him

(Psalm 91:1-9,14-16). Faithful Christians today are kept by the Lord when they trust him and take refuge in him (Philippians 4:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:5-6; 1 Peter 1:5; Jude 24).

The Lord Make His Face To Shine Upon You

The Lord’s “face” shining upon his people is an act of divine and benevolent approval toward them. The Lord looks with approval, pleasure, or favor upon his people when they obey him (Psalm 31:16; 67:1; 80:3,7,19; 119:135). At the same time, the Lord’s “face” is hidden from those whom he disapproves (Deuteronomy 31:17-18). Faithful Christians today have the same approval of the Lord when they obey him (1 Peter 3:10-12).

And Be Gracious

The Lord stands ready to “be gracious” toward his people when they obey him (Psa. 77:9). Faithful Christians today are also graced by the Lord (John 1:17; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 13:20-21,25).

The Lord Lift Up His Countenance Upon You

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