

THE LOVE OF THE FATHER

LIVING UNDER THE BLESSING OF GOD

SCRIPT: Numbers 6:22–27 (NKJV)

God's blessing is more than what He gives us. It is the assurance that He is with us, watching over us, extending His grace, and giving us peace throughout life's journey.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S BLESSING

INTRO: The Blessing of God's Presence

We all desire God's blessing over our families, marriages, children, and future. We pray for open doors, answer prayers, and breakthroughs in the challenges we face. But sometimes we become so focused on what we want God to do that we overlook the greatest blessing of all, having His presence in our lives.

In **Numbers 6:22–27**, God instructed Moses to have Aaron, and the priests speak a special blessing over the people of Israel. They were traveling through the wilderness, facing uncertainty and depending on God for their daily needs. Yet in the middle of their journey, God reminded them that He was watching over them.

What a beautiful reminder for us today! Life doesn't always go according to plan. We experience unexpected challenges, disappointments, and seasons of waiting. But through every season, we can find confidence in knowing that God remains faithful.

God's blessing doesn't mean we will never face difficulties. It means we never have to face those difficulties without Him.

Let's look at three wonderful ways God's blessing makes a difference in our lives.

1. GOD'S BLESSING PROVIDES PROTECTION

Numbers 6:24 (NKJV): "The LORD bless you and keep you."

The word **"bless"** comes from the Hebrew word **barak**, which speaks of God's goodness and favor. The word **"keep"** comes from **shamar**, meaning to guard, watch over, or preserve.

What an encouraging promise! God wants us to know that we are never beyond His care.

We cannot control everything that happens in life. We may worry about our families, finances, health, or future. But living under God's blessing means learning to trust Him with the things we cannot control.

Think about Daniel in the lions' den. Daniel remained faithful to God, even when his faithfulness placed his life in danger. God didn't prevent Daniel from entering the lions' den, but He was with him and delivered him.

Sometimes we pray for God to remove every obstacle, but God also wants to strengthen our faith as we walk through life's challenges.

Perhaps you're facing something today that feels bigger than your ability to handle. Remember, you don't have to carry every concern alone. Continue making wise decisions, remain faithful, and place your confidence in the Lord.

Power Statement: We may not know what tomorrow will bring, but we can trust the God who will be with us tomorrow.

2. GOD'S BLESSING BRINGS HIS FAVOR

Numbers 6:25 (NKJV): "The LORD make His face shine upon you And be gracious to you."

This verse gives us a beautiful picture of God's goodness toward His people. When Scripture speaks of God's face shining upon us, it describes His favorable attention.

The word "**gracious**" comes from the Hebrew word "**Chanan**", meaning to show kindness, mercy, or favor.

God's grace reminds us that His goodness is not something we can earn through our accomplishments. It flows from His loving character.

Consider Joseph's life. He was betrayed by his brothers, sold into slavery, falsely accused, and placed in prison. Yet through every difficult season, God was with him. Eventually, God raised Joseph into a position of leadership in Egypt.

Joseph's circumstances changed many times, but God's faithfulness remained the same.

That's encouraging because sometimes we become so focused on what we're waiting for that we forget to appreciate what God has already done.

His grace is working in our lives even during seasons when we don't see immediate answers.

And the wonderful thing about receiving God's grace is that it teaches us to extend grace to others. Our families, friendships, and communities should experience more kindness, patience, and forgiveness because of what God is doing within us.

God's grace reaches us where we are, and His goodness helps us become more than we were before.

3. GOD'S BLESSING FILLS US WITH PEACE

Numbers 6:26 (NKJV): "The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

The word "**countenance**" refers to **someone's face or expression**. Here, it communicates **God's favorable attention toward His people**.

The word **“peace”** comes from the Hebrew word **shalom**, which means much more than the absence of problems. It carries the idea of well-being, wholeness, harmony, and stability.

God's peace doesn't mean everything around us will always be peaceful. It means we can experience His strength and assurance even when life becomes overwhelming.

In **Acts 16**, **Paul and Silas** were beaten, chained, and thrown into prison. Yet at midnight, they began praying and singing praises to God.

Think about that! Their circumstances had not changed. The chains were still there, and the prison doors were still closed. But they chose to worship because their confidence was in God.

What a powerful lesson for us today.

Sometimes we find ourselves in life's waiting rooms, praying for someone we love, waiting for an answer, or wondering how a situation will turn out.

We may not be able to change the circumstances immediately, but we can choose where we place our trust.

Philippians 4:6–7 encourages us to bring our concerns before God through prayer and thanksgiving. As we trust Him, His peace guards our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Instead of allowing worry to control our thoughts, we can turn to prayer. Instead of responding with frustration, we can ask God for patience. And when fear begins to rise, we can remind ourselves of His faithfulness.

God's peace doesn't give us control over every situation. It gives us confidence in the One who walks with us through it.

THE GREATEST BLESSING IS BELONGING TO GOD

Numbers 6:27 (NKJV): **“So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.”**

As God concluded this blessing, He reminded Israel that they belonged to Him. The priests pronounced the blessing, but God Himself was the One who fulfilled it.

Through Jesus Christ, we are invited into a relationship with God where we can experience His forgiveness, grace, and presence.

This is why we should never measure God's blessing only by our circumstances.

A person can have many possessions and still feel empty. Someone else may be walking through a difficult season yet experience tremendous peace because of their relationship with the Lord.

The greatest blessing is not simply receiving something from God. It is knowing the God from whom every blessing flows.

CON: LIVING EACH DAY UNDER GOD'S BLESSING

As we reflect on Numbers 6, we are reminded of how deeply God cares for His people.

He provides protection when life becomes uncertain. He extends grace when we need His mercy. And He offers peace when the pressures of life become overwhelming.

Church, whatever season you're walking through today, be encouraged. Your present circumstances do not determine God's faithfulness.

Maybe you're believing God for your marriage, praying for your children, facing financial challenges, or waiting for a breakthrough. Keep trusting Him.

You may not have all the answers, but you can have confidence in the One who holds your future.

When we belong to God, our future is not defined by our challenges. We can move forward with confidence because our lives are in His hands.

A PERSONAL INVITATION: A NEW BEGINNING

Perhaps today you've been carrying burdens that have left you discouraged or overwhelmed. Maybe you've drifted away from the Lord, or you've never made a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ.

The wonderful news is that you don't have to figure everything out before coming to God.

Jesus died for our sins and rose again so that we could experience forgiveness, salvation, and a new beginning.

God doesn't just want to bless the life we're living. Through Jesus Christ, He wants to give us a new life worth living!

Today, we can surrender our concerns, our struggles, and our future into His hands.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your goodness, grace, and faithfulness. We pray for Your blessing over our families, marriages, children, and future. Watch over us, guide our decisions, and strengthen our faith through every season. Help us recognize Your goodness, extend Your grace to others, and experience the peace that only You can give. May our lives reflect Your love as we continue walking with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Numbers 6:24–26 (NKJV)

"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

And all God's people said, AMEN!