

God's Blessings Over You

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The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26).

We hear the familiar blessing (benediction) at the close of each worship service. God commanded the high priest Aaron to first pronounce the blessing over His people the Israelites as He led them into Canaan, the promised land. God continues to bless us today with His favour and protection.

Five truths of God's blessings over you:

- God is the source of all blessing. Our God is a God who blesses. Just as He first blessed Adam and Eve after He created them (Genesis 1:28) and blessed His apostles as He was taken into heaven (Luke 24:50-51), He continues to bless His people today in 2021.

- God blesses us personally. Six times in the above blessing in Numbers, the word "you" is repeated. God sees you and knows you. He cares for you individually and blesses you personally.
- God bends down to benefit us. The Hebrew word for bless means to kneel down. Used metaphorically, it tells us God bends down to give us His love and forgiveness. In Ephesians 1:3 we read that we have every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places through Jesus.
- God blesses as a father to his child. He lifts us up in His arms and shines His full pleasure, goodwill and joy over us.

- God's blessings bring peace. The Hebrew word for peace, shalom, stems from the word that means restoration back to the original state. His peace brings completeness and wholeness, rest and welfare, soundness and safety.

Take heart today. In a world that is often hard and chaotic, God bends down to bless you personally. God of infinite benefits gives them to you. God's beaming countenance is upon you. Today, and each new tomorrow, you can walk in the fullness of your Father's extravagant blessing.

Know that you are truly loved and special to your heavenly Father!