## NUMBERS 6:22-27 2025 "THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU...."!

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## THE AARONIC BLESSING (BENEDICTION) - Misha & Marty Goetz

NUM. 6:22-27 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 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; 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 of which, 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 is eager to bless us. He will bless us! He wants us to have His sanctified boldness that our God is a blessing God. (Psa 37:25) I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread. Do not waste time worrying! It is a 100% waste of time. Trust in Him! He has proven Himself, unfailingly a blessing God. He has always 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 to be 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! (Psa 121:4) Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep. (Joh 17:11-12) Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. (Joh 17:12) While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. (Joh 6:39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. He will not lose a single one. He is faithful to keep us until the time to go to be with Him, after our ministry is over. And then He 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! (Zep 3:17) The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."
- #4 He is a gracious God! "And be gracious to you;" He is not dealing with us in justice but in grace. We cannot 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) Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more. Hyper abounded! No sin for a child of God is greater than His forgiveness. (1Jn 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 is 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 to us 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 us, 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 is hard to believe, 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! Do not 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!
- #7 Put My name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.
- **#8 The Ascension of Jesus! (Luk 24:50-51)** And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and **blessed them**. [51] Now it came to pass, while **He blessed them**, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

**Pray Today For:** For Charlie's wife, Erika Kirk and two children; for parents, grandparents, and the whole family. For the body of Christ to rise up and be alive in Christ! For the million plus Gen Z young adults to pick up the mantle expanding the ministry of the gospel! For our nation to turn to the LORD and His Word! For our leaders to embrace the living God, surrendering their lives to our Lord Jesus Christ! For great fruitfulness to come out of the present tragedy! For His name and His Word to be glorified in us!