

## 6. SEALS US WITH \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>27</sup> *So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.*

God's name is synonymous with his \_\_\_\_\_, his \_\_\_\_\_, his \_\_\_\_\_, & his \_\_\_\_\_

It is our connection with God, whose name we bear, that we receive *shalom* . . . well-being.

Colossians 3:17 – And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Acts 11:26 – The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

1 Peter 4:16 – However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 – <sup>21</sup> Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, <sup>22</sup> set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

## THE SPOKEN BLESSING

Numbers 6:22 – 27

## WHAT IS BLESSING?

**Prayers** are addressed to God on behalf of others. Prayers are spoken for others and with them.

**Blessings** are addressed to others on behalf of God. Blessings are spoken over them. (*Courageous Grandparenting Seminar*)

Numbers 6:22 – 27

<sup>22</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup> “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, ‘Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,’

<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you  
and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the LORD lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup> “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.’” (ESV)

Blessing is \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>22</sup> *The LORD spoke to Moses, saying . . .*

God originates blessing; it is not God responding to Moses' request for his blessing.

**“Here’s how I want you to bless the people.”**

# HOW DOES GOD BLESS HIS PEOPLE?

## 1. GOD \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>24</sup> *The LORD bless you and keep you . . .*

**BLESS** – (*barak*) – Generally involves a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ upon the person or people it’s spoken over.

When **we** bless God, as in Psalm 103:1, it means that we **ascribe** or **credit goodness** to him. We recognize and acknowledge His goodness.

When the **priests** blessed the Israelites . . . **or we bless our family** . . . it means that we’re asking for God’s blessing on the people we’re speaking it over.

When **GOD** blesses people, being God, he is able to \_\_\_\_\_ the good that he wishes.

## 2. GOD \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>24</sup> *The LORD bless you and keep you . . .*

“**To keep**” is to exercise \_\_\_\_\_ over, to guard, to watch over.

Psalm 121 — <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; he who **keeps** you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup> Behold, he who **keeps** Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup> The LORD is your **keeper**; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup> The LORD will **keep** you from all evil; he will **keep** your life. <sup>8</sup> The LORD will **keep** your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

## 3. GOD SHOWS \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>25</sup> *the LORD make his face to shine upon you . . .*

Face to shine – this is a figure of speech for his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## 4. GOD SHOWS \_\_\_\_\_

*be gracious to you*

God’s blessing is a **gift** bestowed on those who cannot claim it as a right . . . it is an act of God’s gracious character.

God’s grace can show itself in:

- forgiveness – Psalm 41:4 – As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!”
- in answer to prayer – Psalm 4:1 – Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!
- in deliverance from enemies – Psalm 9:13 – Be gracious to me, O LORD! See my affliction from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gates of death . . .

## 5. GOD GRANTS \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>26</sup> *the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace*

Lifting up his countenance is a figure of speech for \_\_\_\_\_ toward us

Psalm 30:7 – Your favor, O LORD, made me as secure as a mountain. Then you turned away from me, and I was shattered. (NLT)

Psalm 44:24 – Why do you look the other way? Why do you ignore our suffering and oppression? (NLT)