

## Numbers 6.22-26 – Priestly Blessing

- The Lord bless you and keep you
  - Bless you – increase the good in your life
    - May the Lord give you an abundance of His presence and love
  - Keep you – to exercise great care over; protect you, watch over you, guard you
    - May the Lord protect you from the enemy and all his schemes to steal, kill, and destroy
    - May the Lord deliver you from the idols and distractions of this world
- The Lord make His face shine upon and be gracious to you
  - Make His face shine upon you – sign of favor and good will
    - Face- identifies a person and reflects the attitudes and sentiments of that person; characterized by a personal quality
    - May the Lord reveal Himself to you more fully as your
      - (Father) Good Father
      - (Son) your Good Shepherd
      - (Holy Spirit) the One who refreshes you when are weary, refines you to become more like Jesus, and anoints you for good works
  - Be gracious to you – a heartfelt response by someone who has something to give to one who has a need
    - May the Lord do more for you than you can ask, think or imagine
    - May the Lord cause your boundary lines to fall in pleasant places
- The Lord lift up His face towards you and give you peace
  - Lift up face towards you – picture of God giving us His full attention; indication of favor and acceptance
    - May the Lord make a way for you where you don't see a way; move mountains and fill in valleys
  - Peace – harmony/wholeness in every aspect of life
    - May the Lord grow you in maturity in your relationship with Him
    - May the Lord give you a sound body, mind, and heart
    - May your relationships be harmonious and life-giving