

# What a Wonderful God!

Numbers 6:22 And the **Lord spake unto Moses, saying,** **23 Speak unto Aaron** and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall **ble****ss the children of Israel,** saying unto them,

**24** The Lord **ble****ss** thee, and **keep** thee:

**25** The Lord **make his face shine** upon thee, and **be gracious** unto thee:

**26** The Lord **lift up his countenance** upon thee, and **give thee** peace.

**27** And they shall **put my name upon the children of Israel;** and **I will bless them.**

1. God's men were to bless the children of Israel **6:22** **And**  
the **Lord spake unto Moses, saying,** **23**  
Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this  
wise ye shall **bless the children of Israel,**  
saying unto them,

- a. The Lord speaks to Moses and tells Moses that He wants Aaron and his sons to bless the children of Israel
  - i. It starts in the heart of God
  - ii. It is not Moses or Aaron's idea
  - iii. He tells them even what He wants the blessing to say
- b. The word bless means give power for success, prosperity, fertility, to be made happy
- c. The wildest lesson here maybe that the blessing was His idea
  - i. They were not told to beg God to bless them
  - ii. They were not told to tell the people to beg God for blessing
  - iii. They were told to bless God's people
- d. This maybe contrary to how many spiritual leaders view their job today!

- e. God doesn't sound very angry here
  - i. He tells Aaron go tell my people that I give my blessing
  - ii. That I want them to succeed, to prosper, to be fertile, to be happy
  - iii. Knowing God is exactly this, knowing His blessing, His goodness
  - iv. What else could you expect when you talk have having your sins forgiven, being right with God, understanding the purpose of life
- f. God wanted the men of God to give this blessing to the people of God on a regular basis
- g. God's blessings are available to all of His children
  - i. It is interesting in the Scriptures to see that His blessings are after the sacrifice.
  - ii. He sacrificed Himself so that He could bless us
  - iii. You must be made one of His [John 1:12](#) **But as many as **received** him, to them **gave he power** to become the sons of God, *even* to them that **believe** on his name: [13](#) Which were **born, not of blood, nor of the will of the****

**flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

iv. He invites you to come [Matthew 11:28](#) **Come** unto me, all ye that **labour and are heavy laden,** and I will give you **rest.** <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find **rest** unto your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

h. Jesus loved to bless people

i. He blessed the little children

ii. He blessed two disciples on the road to Emmaus

iii. He blessed in the Sermon on the Mount

2. Israel was a blessed and kept people [24](#) **The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:**

a. Consider how God had blessed the nation of Israel

- i. He called them and made them His people when they weren't and didn't deserve such a blessing
  - ii. He rescued them from slavery
  - iii. He gave them His Holy Word
  - iv. He gave them the promised land
  - v. He dwelt with them in His Tabernacle
- b. Blessing them meant prospering them.
- i. He wanted His people prosper
  - ii. He wanted them to enjoy success
- c. Blessing them meant giving them good gifts

**Matthew 7:11** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

- d. Today we too are a blessed people **Ephesians 1:3**  
 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with **all spiritual blessings** in heavenly *places* in Christ: **James 1:17**  
 Every **good gift and every perfect gift** is from above, and cometh down from the Father of

lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

e. He not only poured out His blessings and riches on me  
He also keeps me

- i. That means to guard me, to put a hedge of protection around me **Psalm 121:1** I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, From whence cometh my **help.**
- 2** My help *cometh* **from the Lord,** Which made heaven and earth. **3** He will **not suffer thy foot to be moved:** He that **keepeth** thee will not slumber. **4** Behold, he that **keepeth** Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep. **5** The Lord *is* thy **keeper:** The Lord *is* thy **shade** upon thy right hand. **6** The sun shall not smite thee by day, Nor the moon by night. **7** The Lord shall **preserve thee** from all evil: He shall **preserve** thy soul. **8** The Lord shall **preserve** thy going out and thy coming in From this time forth, and even for evermore.

ii. Job enjoyed that protection and Satan knew it

**Job 1:8** And the **Lord** said unto **Satan**, Hast thou considered **my servant Job**, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? **9** Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job **fear God for nought?** **10** Hast not thou made an **hedge about him**, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast **blessed the work of his hands**, and his substance is increased in the land.

f. We enjoy the same promises today **II Thessalonians 3:3** But the Lord is faithful, who shall **stablish you**, and **keep you** from evil.

i. He keeps us saved **Jude 24** Now unto him that **is able** to **keep you from falling**, and to **present you faultless** before the presence

of his glory with exceeding joy, 25 to the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

- ii. We are kept by His power I Peter 1:5 Who are **kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time.

3. God smiles at His people 25 The Lord **make his face shine** upon thee, and **be gracious** unto thee:

- a. When He looks at us it is with love
- b. He smiles and His face gleams with delight when He looks at His children
- c. Do you remember how Moses faced shone after having been in the presence of God? That is what He has for us now
- d. He is for us Romans 8:31 *What shall we then say to these things?* **If God be for us, who**



**can be against us?** <sup>32</sup> He that  
**spared not his own Son,** but delivered him  
up for us all, how shall he not with him also **freely**  
**give us all things?** <sup>33</sup> Who shall **lay any**  
**thing to the charge of God's elect?** *It*  
*is* **God that justifieth.** <sup>34</sup> **Who is he**  
**that condemneth?** *It is* **Christ**  
**that died,** yea rather, that is risen again, who is  
even at the right hand of God, who also **maketh**  
**intercession for us.** <sup>35</sup> Who shall **separate**  
**us** from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or  
distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or  
peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, For thy sake we are  
killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for  
the slaughter. <sup>37</sup> Nay, in all these things **we are**  
**more than conquerors** through him that

**loved us.** <sup>38</sup> For **I am persuaded,**

that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

e. He is gracious to us

i. Remember that we do not deserve any of His love

ii. We walked away from Him

iii. We each went our own way

iv. He came to us

v. He paid the price for our sin and rebellion

f. Every good thing that happens to us is because He is

good **II Corinthians 12:9** And he said unto me, **My**

**grace is sufficient** for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that **the power of**

**Christ may rest upon me.** <sup>10</sup> Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: **for when I am weak, then am I strong.**

4. The Lord is looking at you <sup>26</sup> The Lord **lift up his countenance** upon thee, and **give thee** peace.
- a. He sings and joys over us <sup>Zephaniah 3:17</sup> The Lord thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty; He will save, he will **rejoice over thee** with joy; He will rest in his love, **he will joy over thee** with singing.
- b. He gives us a peace that the world can't understand <sup>Philippians 4:6</sup> Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. <sup>7</sup> And the **peace of God,** which **passeth all understanding,** shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- c. Peace here refers to quietness in our hearts, spiritual health, prosperity, enough for all the demands of life
  - d. He notices you, you are important to Him
  - e. He is looking to give you peace and all you need
5. We are His and He blesses us **27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.**
- a. He restores our dignity
    - i. I was lost and on my way to Hell but now I am saved
    - ii. I was suffering from the consequences of my own stupidity with no reason to hope for better but He saved me
    - iii. He made me a new creature
  - b. He gives us a new identity
    - i. I am His now
    - ii. I belong to Him
    - iii. I am a child of the king
  - c. He gives us security and intimacy
    - i. In Him I am secure because it is He that wants to bless me
    - ii. The good that is happening didn't come because of me but because of Him

iii. He loves me and looks at me and names me because  
He loves me

d. He is going to bless me

i. He has blessed me

ii. He continues to bless me

e. I can go forward in life knowing that the great God of  
creation loves me and is working in my life for good