



# Blessings for the New Year (Pt 1)

## *The Priestly Benediction*

### INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:30 am  
Scripture Reading: Numbers 6:24-26

Date: Jan 15, 2023  
Speaker: Brent Hunter

#### Intro.

#### Introduction

- A. Goodbye originally meant **God bless!**
- B. What our church family needs in 2023 are rich & abundant **b\_\_\_\_\_**.
- C. More than that, we need to **bless others as we have been blessed!**

#### I. WHAT IS A BLESSING?

- A. Hebrew: "Praise, congratulate or salute."
- B. Gk: "To speak well of, to bless so another will prosper."
- C. Remember you are directing God's **g\_\_\_\_\_** towards another.

#### II. THE THREE RELATIONAL WAYS BLESSINGS ARE USED

##### A. Blessings from **God to man**.

- 1. The first blessing was to be "**f\_\_\_\_\_** and multiply" (Gen 1:28).
- 2. The human family is of utmost importance to God!
- 3. God bestows providential care as a reward for obedience.
  - a. "All these blessings shall come upon you if you **o\_\_\_\_\_**" (Deut 28:1-2).
  - b. "If you know these things, blessed are you if you **do** them (John 13:17).
- 4. Blessings = intimate relationship between the **blessor and the blessed**.

##### B. Blessings from **man to God**.

- 1. Praising God and His creation is a form of blessing (Ps 103:1-2).
- 2. The language of **g\_\_\_\_\_** should always be found on the believer's lips.

##### C. Blessings from **man to man**.

- 1. There are many examples of blessings exchanged between **p\_\_\_\_\_**.
  - a. Rebekah's family (Gen 24:60) and b. Isaac upon Jacob (Gen 27:28-29).
- 2. Also there are examples of deathbed blessings functioning as binding wills (Gen 27, 48, 49).
- 3. The priestly benediction is a unique combination of God blessing through the words of a man (Numbers 6:27).
- 4. We are a royal **p\_\_\_\_\_** (I Peter 2:9) and should be blessing others!

#### III. THE POWER OF VERBAL AFFIRMATIONS (Prov 18:12, 16:24, 12:25).

#### Conclusion:

- A. Affirming and blessing others is one way you can encourage others.

## Notes

#### SCRAMBLED ANSWERS

priesthood

obey goodness

blessings people

gratitude fruitful

- B. May our new watch word in 2023 be **“Bless and be blessed.”**
- C. See you later and may God bless you richly!