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Blessings for the New Year

The Priestly Benediction
Numbers 6:24-26



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“Bless others and Receive
Blessings”

THESIS: (Part 2)

1. Brief Review.
2. Respond and Share Feedback received.
3. Additional teachings about blessings.
4. Ask for Blessings upon us.

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TAKING IT PERSONALLY

Jan 22 · Sun PM · Ben Keehn

State of the Church Address



January 29, 2023
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Our Elders

THESIS: (Pt 1)

1. What is a Blessing?
2. Three Relational ways
3. The Power of Verbal Affirmations

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What is a Blessing?

1. Greek = *“To speak well of, to bless, invoke a blessing upon someone so they prosper.”*
2. Key: You are directing God’s goodness towards another!

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Three Relational Blessings

1. God to Man
2. Man to God
3. *Man to Man

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Blessing from Man to Man

- Rebekah - Gen 24:60
- Isaac to Jacob - Gen 27:28-29
- Boaz to his reapers - Ruth 2:4
- Jacob to Pharaoh - Gen 47:7
- Examples of deathbed blessings which functioned as binding wills (Gen 17, 48, 49).

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Blessing from Man to Man

Priestly Benediction

- The passage presents the priest(s) as a conduit for God's blessing!

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The Power of Spoken Blessings

Positive Biblical Affirmations

- We are to bless others as an instrument of God's love.
- *Proverbs 12:25*

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Feedback Received:



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Is it Biblical to ask God to bless me?

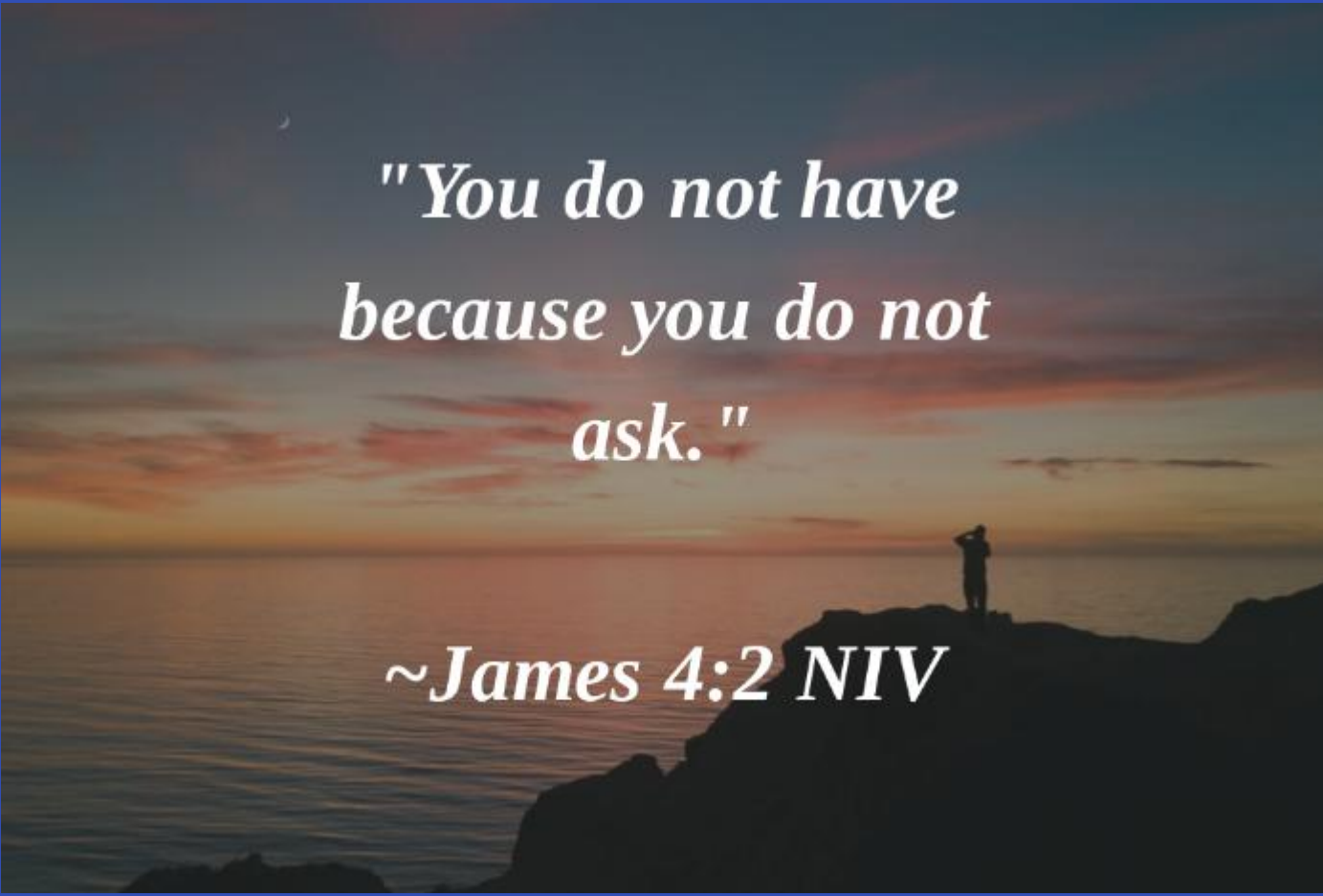
THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

Oh, that You would bless me indeed
and enlarge my territory,
that Your hand would be with me,
and that You would keep me from evil,
that I may not cause pain!

1 Chronicles 4 : 10 NKJV

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A person is silhouetted against a sunset or sunrise sky, standing on a rocky shore and looking out at the ocean. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The water is calm and reflects the light from the sky.

*"You do not have
because you do not
ask."*

~James 4:2 NIV

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**The most unnatural/difficult
command...**

**But I tell you, love
your enemies and
pray for
those who
persecute
you.**



The most unnatural/difficult
command...

A person is sitting on a dark grey tufted couch, their hands clasped together in their lap. They are wearing a red shirt and blue jeans. The background is a dark, textured wall.

Bless those who curse
you, pray for those
who mistreat you.

- Luke 6:28 -

This results in a blessing for us!

But love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is gracious to the ungrateful and evil. Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Luke 6:35-36

This results in a blessing for us!

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult.
On the contrary, repay evil with blessing,
because to this you were called
so that you may inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 3:9



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Blessings upon us for 2023



Our Kirkland church Family
2023

Blessings upon us for 2023

**Let the favor of the
Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work
of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work
of our hands!
(Psalm 90:17, ESV)**

**Our Kirkland church Family
2023**

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Blessings upon each of our families!
2023

Blessings upon us for 2023



Blessings upon those who are physically ill!

2023

Blessings upon us for 2023



Blessings upon those who are grieving!
2023

Blessings upon us for 2023



Blessings upon those who have prodigal children!
2023



Blessings upon Kirkland's Young People
2023

Blessings upon us for 2023



Blessings upon our church to remain pure!
2023

Blessings upon us for 2023



Blessings upon our unity!
2023

We appreciate our sheperds

Lyle Graddon



Brad Rickman



Mark Miller



Todd Nielsen



Please take a moment to get to know
our sheperds.



Brent Hunter -Evangelist



Ben Keehn -Evangelist

We also have fifteen deacons who serve
Kirkland and two evangelists.

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