



The Priestly Blessing

Numbers 6: 24-26

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Blessings for the New Year

“Bless and be Blessed”

THESIS: (Pt 1)

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

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THESIS: (Part 2)

1. Additional teachings about blessing.
2. Practical examples of personal blessings.
3. 2023 blessings upon our church family.

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State of the Church Address



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

What is a Blessing?

1. Hebrew = “*to praise, congratulate, salute.*”
2. Greek = “*To speak well of, to bless, invoke a blessing upon someone so they prosper.*”
3. 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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God to Man

- First blessing (Gen 1:28)

“Be fruitful and multiply.”

- Children are the first blessing.
- The family is of most importance!

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Hunter Family Pic
Christmas 2022 in Tampa



SIX GRANDKIDS - Christmas 2002
Tampa, Fl





Sheryl's Grandmother Heaven

God to Man

- Providential Care (Deut 28:1-2)
“Obey the Lord your God...”
- N.T. : Matt 7:24, John 13:17
- “Blessed are you if you do them!”

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Man to God

- Praising God is a form of blessing.
“*Bless the Lord..*” (Ps 103:1-2).
- God is blessed because of what He has already done!

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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.

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Blessing from Man to Man

Priestly Benediction

- The passage presents the priest as a *conduit for God's blessing!*
- I Peter 2:9 “Royal priesthood.”

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The Power of Spoken Blessings

Positive Biblical Affirmations

- We are to bless others as an instrument of God's love.
- Prov. 18:21, 16:24, 12:25

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Blessings upon us for 2023



Our Kirkland church Family
2023

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