



The Lord Bless You —Numbers 6:22-27

ENERGIZED FOR PERSONAL & CONGREGATIONAL REVIVAL

British man, Joe Church—Ugandan man, Simeoni (1929)

“There is something missing in me and the Uganda church. Can you tell what it is?” Simeoni asked Joe.

The two men spent two days studying the Bible and praying together. In a subsequent letter home, Joe wrote. “There can be nothing to stop a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Rwanda now except our own lack of sanctification.”

“I have never seen any white man admit he had any sins.”

“A revival, then, really means days of heaven upon earth.”

“A period of unusual blessing and activity
in the life of the Christian Church.”

Martin Lloyd-Jones

“A season in which a whole body of believers experience gospel renewal together.”

Tim Keller

“Broad-scale movements of the Holy Spirit’s work in renewing spiritual vitality in the church and in fostering its expansion in mission and evangelism.”

Richard Lovelace

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 **God blessed them**; and God said to them, “**Be fruitful and multiply**, and fill the earth, and subdue it...

- The 1st thing God did after creating mankind was bless them.
- From the beginning, blessing has been connected to fruitfulness.

Genesis 12

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, And from your relatives, And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you;

2 And I will make you a great nation, And **I will bless you,** And make your name great; And **so you shall be a blessing;**

3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse.

And **in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”**

- Thinking Big about God’s blessing is thinking beyond ourselves.
- If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed... (Gal. 3:29)

Preliminary Thoughts on Numbers 6:22-27

This is a prayer...

This is a prayer...the Lord initiates...

This is a prayer...the Lord initiates...& wants us to Embody.

The priests (people) are vessels that carry God's blessing.

When God's name is over us, then we are under His blessing.

Numbers 6

22 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 23 “Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, ‘Thus **you shall bless the sons of Israel**. You shall say to them:

24 The Lord bless you, and keep you;

25 The Lord make His face shine on you,
And be gracious to you;

26 The Lord lift up His countenance on you,
And give you peace.’

27 **So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them.”**

Numbers 6

24 The Lord bless you, and keep you;

- God's blessing is life-giving for us.
- We need keeping as well as blessing.

Numbers 6

**25 The Lord make His face shine on you,
And be gracious to you;**

- Life and revival are made possible for us by grace.
- God has fought and is fighting sin with us.

Numbers 6

**26 The Lord lift up His countenance on you,
And give you peace.**

- We can count it as favor if He lifts His countenance on us.
- This peace is NOT a peace of mind or absence of conflict but a promise of completion & that everything will work out well.

Live with God's name over you
so that you are under His blessing.

EmBody the Blessing, and Pass Along the Blessing.
Stay on His Mission with His Word for His Kingdom.

