

The Leadership Blessing



Numbers 6:22-27

Introduction



- **Crucial lesson to building relationships to the glory of God**
- **Recognizes the power of words spoken**
- **We know something of God's nature by the Words God speaks**
- **We know something of our own nature by the words we speak**

Introduction



- Jesus said, “out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.”
- *Barak*, Heb—to bless—330 occurrences on Old Testament of different forms of this verb.
- Example=Haggai 2:19

Leadership to bless the people



- **Tony Ash retreat at Lake Geneva—1 John lesson—blessing and not bossing—church leadership**
- **This is how...God is good at demonstrating what He desires**
- **In counseling settings...mirroring...this is how you do it.**

Hebrews 13:17



- **Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.**

Say to them



- Speak...saying=Here is what you are to say word for word
- **DABAR**=speak, crucial in OT worldview=fact that God spoke
- Saying=gives content of the message

The Lord bless you

- Bible begins and ends with God's spoken words of blessing, His blessings poured out on humanity, and His ultimate blessing of "the right to the tree of life, going through the gates into the city!"



The Lord keep you

- 1 Corinthians 1:8
- He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Face imagery—grace and peace

- Make his face shine on you—
blessings & grace galore
- Turn his face toward you—
approval, watching with care



They will put my name

- God's people, Israel
- Yahweh, Elohim, God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob
- Identity markers that we belong to God!
- Illustration: found my parents' marriage license



Proverbs 22:1



- **A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.**

Name for us today



Acts 4:12

- Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other **name** under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Romans 1:5

- Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for **his name's** sake.

Conclusion



The Leader Blessing of **Numbers 6:22-27** challenges us with...

- Blessing and not bossing
- The power of affirming & blessing words
- Realizing how much the Lord has blessed us

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The Leader Blessing of **Numbers 6:22-27**
challenges us with...

- We are keepers of one another as God is our Keeper
- God's face represents grace and peace
- God's name, and Christ, stamped on our very soul