

# Sermon Summary 04/19/15

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Numbers 6:22-27 – “Living Under the Benediction of Grace” by Drew Hunter

In Short: Benedictions are about gospel blessings in all of life that only God can give. Aaron's benediction in Numbers 6 shows God's great grace generously shown to His people that is ultimately fulfilled in Christ.

## Sunday's Outline

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- I. What is a benediction?
  - A. Gospel blessings that only God can give
  - B. They encompass all aspects of our daily lives
  - C. They are about what *only* God can give through Christ.
- II. Benediction in Numbers 6
  - A. What is it? At the end of a long section of the Law, it underscores God's grace, love, and peace given to His people (v.24-26)
  - B. How do we get it? It comes directly and solely from God himself (v.27)
  - C. How does God give it? He gives it through the relationship made possible by sacrifice. It is ultimately given through Jesus and the cross.

## Understanding & Application

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- 1) We hear and give benedictions in many facets of life. What was the last time you gave or heard a benediction spoken in your life? How is a benediction different from a prayer?
- 2) Aaron's benediction in Numbers 6 is one of the most cherished and well-known passages in Scripture. How is God portrayed in this passage? In what ways does this benediction elevate your expectations for what God can do in the areas of struggle in your life? How has God already shown Himself to be faithful to you through these struggles?
- 3) When were benedictions typically offered during the tabernacle services in the OT? What is significant about the placement of this benediction in Numbers 6? (Hint: it is at the end of a long section of the Law that spans from Leviticus 1 to Numbers 6)
- 4) How are benedictions like bridges? As a bridge, what are benedictions connecting?
- 5) Three times Jesus sees His disciples and speaks a benediction to them saying, “Peace be with you.” How can Jesus say that to them in the midst of the uproar surrounding the days of His execution and resurrection? Explain what it means to say that this (and every) benediction is ultimately fulfilled in and through Christ?
- 6) Explain the significance of the repetition of the words “The LORD...” in v. 24, 25, and 26.
- 7) This benediction is reflected on by the psalmist in Psalm 67. How does this Psalm and its theme of the nations tie in to the covenant God made with Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3?
- 8) How does this benediction personally give me hope for Monday through Saturday?