May the Lord Bless and Keep You

Happy Wednesday

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance (or face) upon you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26 ESV

This is one of my favorite verse groups in the Bible, as it is a directive from God on what the Priest (Aaron) should say to God's chosen ones, the Israelites. Let me show you the verse before and behind this cluster so you can see what Almighty God says about these words:

"*The Lord spoke* to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. "*So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.*"" Numbers 6:22-27 ESV

Let's pray that Scripture together - something like this:

Thank you Lord that You speak to Your children, whom You love. Thank You Lord that when You speak, You desire to speak blessings over Your children. Thank You Lord that You long to bless your children and to be our blessing. Thank you that in Your Goodness, you long to be our Keeper - our sustainer and protector. Thank you Lord Almighty that You long to make the radiance and light of Your face to shine upon your children. Thank you Lord that you desire to be gracious to your children. Thank You Almighty Father that You long to lift your face to your children, that we could see You. Thank you Lord of Peace that You long to be Peace and to provide peace to your children. Thank you Father that you desire to be a blessing to all who call on Your Name as Your children. Lead me, Father, as Your child through Jesus Christ. Help me to be a blessing to You and to Your Name. You alone are to be praised.

The blessing of the Lord Almighty only applies to His children. If you haven't put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ - the author and finisher of our faith - then this blessing from God will not apply to you, as God would consider you to be against Him. To be made right with God, pray and put your faith in Jesus. God recognizes what words your heart longs to speak to Him. Check out the attached image for a 60-second read on Salvation: it could change your life!

"The Blessing" by Elevation Church feat Kari Jobe and Cody Carnes <u>https://youtu.be/Zp6aygmvzM4 [youtu.be]</u>



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