The Lord Bless You & Keep You (Numbers 6:24-27)

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INTRODUCTION

- Tonight I want to talk about benedictions. That's a big word, but it simply means well wishing to others.
- The prayerful invoking of a blessing upon another could only be helpful, right?

1 Benedictions Throughout the Scripture

2 Corinthians 13:14; Romans 16:25–27; Jude 1:24–25

- This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. The Lord bless you and keep you.
- The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
- The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- I noticed something interesting in some others of the benedictions, in that they somewhat provide a summary of the gospel message.

2 One Benediction in Particular: Hebrews 13

Hebrews 13:20–21

- Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord.
- Equip you in every good thing to do his will. Working in us that which is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever.
- Nobody actually looks like the sheep. But you are. And we should see ourselves as sheep in a figurative sense.

3 God Is Able to Equip You

2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Corinthians 4:7

- The first thing I want to look at is that God is able to equip you with every good thing to do his will.
- Perhaps we need to pray more in the area of being equipped and for our brothers and sisters being equipped.
- I wonder if we depend enough on God's supply of the things we need to accomplish his work and find spiritual growth.
- For we have this treasure in earthen vessels. That the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not ourselves.

4 The Great Shepherd of the Sheep

1 Peter 5:1; Luke 15; Mark 6

- The great shepherd is the basis of all of our hope.
- The work of shepherding is not confined to just the elders. It is not exclusively their role.
- Jesus' model for shepherding was that he had a genuine concern for all the sheep. He's the good shepherd.
- Tend to my sheep. Feed my lambs. Be a shepherd.

5 Work in Us What Is Pleasing to Him

Hebrews 11:6; Acts 7

- Jesus Himself demonstrated this. He said, I am always doing the things that are pleasing to my Father.
- Without faith, it is impossible to please him, for the one that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.
- If we displease God, does it matter whom we please? And if we please God, does it matter whom we displease?
- If we please God, it does not matter whom we displease. May He work in us what is pleasing to him.

6 To Him Be Glory Forever and Ever

Romans 15:5–6; Ephesians 3

- May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- This is all about bringing glory to God. Not any man or person other than him.
- We are temporary players on this stage. And all that we are is because of him. We are simply his earthen vessels.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you tapped in to the strength that only God supplies?

MY NOTES