

# Receiving God's blessing

*Sometimes when reading a book or watching a movie, you come across a section or scene that explains everything else—that gets to heart of the whole thing.*

We've come to one of those key sections in the book of Numbers.

## Read Numbers 6 v 22-27

- ❓ *What three-step chain of communication is laid out in these verses?*

So the LORD speaks to Moses, who is to speak to Aaron and his sons, who are to speak to the people of Israel. Remarkably, God (who can speak perfectly well without any human help) uses human spokespersons. This is the way God has often chosen to work through history. He loves to involve his people in his work.

The word “bless” is repeated three times in this paragraph: at the beginning, in the middle, and at the end. It is obviously very important.

- ❓ *According to this paragraph, what happens when God blesses his people?*

## Apply

- ❓ *How does your culture typically use the word “bless” or “blessing”?*

The Bible clearly uses the word with a depth and richness of meaning that our culture doesn't recognise. It means nothing less than God's presence, favour, and abundant grace.

- ❓ *How might this biblical understanding of the word shape how you use it?*

- ❓ *How will understanding it in this way make you more committed to enjoying the blessing of living under God's rule?*

## TIME OUT

The presence of God with his people is by far the greatest blessing imaginable. Everything to this point in Numbers has been preparing God's people to have God among them—to be a people of his presence. The presence of God is a theme that runs from the beginning to the end of the Bible.

## Read Genesis 3 v 22-24; Revelation 21 v 3-4; John 2 v 18-22

- ❓ *How does our passage fit into this larger biblical theme?*
- ❓ *In the Bible, what is the ultimate place of God's presence and blessing?*

## Apply

- ❓ *Have you ever prayed this blessing of Numbers 6 v 22-27 for those you know who are in relationship with Jesus?*
- ❓ *Why not make it a regular practice?*

## Pray

Pray for your family, neighbours, and fellow church members, that the LORD would bless and keep them and make his face to shine upon them. And pray it for yourself, too!