

Series: Our Journey Home
Message: Blessed to be a Blessing
Text: Numbers 6:22-7:2 (11/15/09)

Imagine for a moment that you had the good fortune to have untold wealth deposited in your bank account. However, you refuse to believe your good fortune and never make a withdrawal. Absurd? Maybe. Yet, many believers today, once presented with the untold riches of their inheritance in Christ, often refuse to make a withdrawal...

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing...” Ephesians 1:3

Today in Numbers, we’re introduced to an ancient priestly blessing with a powerful contemporary application – *We’re blessed to be a blessing.*

I. The Father’s Protection (24) God’s Children are secure in Him.

“The Lord bless you and keep you”

- We enjoy the favor of God – *“May the Lord Bless you...”*
- We enjoy the fortification of God – *“May the Lord...keep you”*

II. The Father’s Provision (25) God’s Children are sustained by Him.

“The Lord make His Face shine upon you, And be gracious to you”

- We enjoy the goodness of God – *“The Lord make His Face shine...”*
- We enjoy the grace of God – *“And be gracious to you”*

III. The Father’s Presence (26) God’s Children are satisfied in Him.

“The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.”

- We enjoy the affirmation of God – *“The Lord lift up His countenance...”*
- We enjoy the adequacy of God – *“And give you peace”*

IV. The Faithful's Passion (7:1) *The blessed of God long to be a blessing*

"Those who were numbered made an offering."

How can we make an offering today?

- Give Him our affection
- Give Him our attendance
- Give Him of our ability
- Give Him from our assets

Application: Have you learned to *rest* in God's blessings? Those who rest will be able to naturally *bless*. Our *waiting world* is in desperate need of *a blessing!*