

What brings you peace? Good government, strong leaders? What makes you whole, satisfied? Family, friends, relationships? What makes you content, complete, lacking nothing? Accomplishments, praise? What makes you full, well, right? Possessions, wealth? What if none of them do? What if I told you there is a formula for finding peace?

Today, we conclude our series, “The Blessing”. In Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV), God commanded Aaron and his sons to bless the people of Israel by saying, “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.” Today, let’s look at v. 26.

So, where does peace *shalom* come from? It comes from knowing God wants to put His name, YaHWeh (Lord), upon us, from knowing He wants to bless us, keep us, make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us, and from knowing He wants to lift up His countenance upon us, turn His face toward us, and look upon us with favor!

How does God do this? In Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior. Luke 2:13-14 (ESV) says, "Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!'" NIV says, "On earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Today... Look to Jesus. Hebrews 12:2 (ESV) says, "Look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith." Look to the world. 1 Timothy 2:4 (ESV) says, "God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." Look to your feet. Romans 10:15 (ESV) says, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

Let's pray, Lord, You bless us and keep us, make Your face to shine upon us and are gracious to us, lift up Your countenance upon us and give us peace. Lord, 2 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV) says, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Lord, help us share this good news with all!