

The Blessing of God's Face Numbers 6:25-26

Circle the emoji that represents how you see God looking at you right now.



Aaronic Benediction in English

The Lord bless you, and keep you;
The Lord make His **face shine** on you, and be gracious to you;
The Lord **lift** up His **countenance** on you, and give you peace.

Aaronic Benediction in Hebrew transliteration

Y'varekh'kha Adonai v'yishmerekha
Ya'er Adonai **panav** elekha vichunekka
Yisah Adonai **panav** elekha v'yasem l'kha shalom.

The Lord make His face shine on you

- Shine - Ya'er - to shine, to light, illuminate, to smile or sparkle with delight
- Light is a key part of the biblical picture of God (Psalm 31:16; 67:1; 80:3, 7, 19)
- 2 Corinthians 4:6 - For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
- Grace comes through the shining face of God (Psalm 51:9; 90:8)

The hidden face of God

- When God hides His face he is angry with our sin (Deuteronomy 31:17-18; Psalm 30:7; 104:29)
- Psalm 27:8-9 - "When you said, 'Seek my face,' my heart said to You, 'Your face, O Lord, I shall seek.' Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger."
- Psalm 80:3 & 9 - "O God, restore us and cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved."
- So when God lifts His face He looks upon His people for good and hears them.
1 Peter 3:12 - "For the eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and His ears attend to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

The Lord lift up His countenance on you

- Lift - Yisah - to lift, carry, exalt, to express pleasure, grant an audience, show interest
- Peace comes through the lifting of God's face to us
- The lifting of God's face is like a king granting favor to someone seeking an audience with him
- As you know that God looks at you this way, you will begin to live this way as well. Because of what God has done for you, you have the ability to shift the dynamics of someone's life by blessing them.
- 1 Corinthians 3:12 - "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known."
- Revelation 22:4-5 - "They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them."

Response: Pause and reflect on where God's face is in relation to you right now as His beloved son or daughter. Picture the face of Jesus smiling at you with delight with a twinkle in His eye.

Digging Deeper + LifeGroup Discussion:

1. Have you ever been affected by the way someone looks at you? Or doesn't look at you? What have been your thoughts of how God looks at you in the past?
2. Have you learned something new about God through this message? What have you learned?
3. How does this understanding of God's face affect how you approach God each day? If He has an inviting face, will you seek Him more? Will you be more honest with Him? Will you feel differently about life?
4. How has this blessing affected your life? How do you feel when it is prayed over you?

Next Steps:

JOIN A LIFEGROUP: LifeGroups are ongoing small group communities that gather together throughout the week to CONNECT in a smaller setting, GROW together in our faith, and REACH out together to our community. To get involved or for more information, contact Connections + LifeGroups Pastor, Robert Carter, at rcarter@calvarylife.org, or indicate "LifeGroups" on The Card (located in the chair rack in the seat in front of you). calvarylife.org/lifegroups

NEIGHBORGOOD - A Gift for our Neighbors: Join us on Saturday, May 25 from 8:00 am - noon as we bless our neighbors by providing free services like grocery boxes, lunch, prayer, legal and tax advice, haircuts, bike repairs, carwash, oil changes and more! Sign up to volunteer at calvarylife.org/neighbor

BAPTISMS: Baptism is a great celebration event where those who have become followers of Jesus "go public" with their decision as a public testimony of an individual's passage from the old life to the new life we find in Him and a way to show they are part of the body of Christ. Have you trusted in Jesus, and would like to be baptized in the Sunday service at 9:30 am on May 26? If so, come to either one of these required classes:

- Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 am - Worship Center Prayer Room
- Sunday, May 26 at 8:00 am - Connection Point in Worship Center Lobby

Learn more at calvarylife.org/baptism

In Response:

GIVING: The offering is received during each Sunday service. This is a way to express a wholehearted trust in God and worship Him through giving. It is also an act of obedience to God that helps free us from money having mastery over us. Tithing is a biblical command of 10% as a baseline of giving, but the New Testament calls us as followers of Jesus to give even more. Our prayer is that you plan ahead to give purposefully and joyfully to God, helping to further ministry locally and globally in Jesus' name. Discover ways to give on the front of the bulletin or calvarylife.org/give

PRAYER POINTS: These locations at the front right and left of the Worship Center will have people available to pray with you during the time of singing after the sermon and after the service as well. These people are excited to pray with you about anything in your life, including praying to tell Jesus that you believe in Him as God and trust Him for salvation. They will also pray for any health needs, stresses, worries, family members, temptations or anything else.

PRAYER ROOM: The Prayer Room is located at the front right of the Worship Center Auditorium through the doorway behind the Prayer Point. This is a quiet space that you can go to at anytime during the service to be able to pray and reflect on what God is doing in your heart.