

# Instructions for Blessing

by Chuck Smith

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*Chuck Smith's sermon emphasizes the importance of God's blessings, grace, and our call to live for Him through service and prayer.*

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## Description

In this sermon, Pastor Chuck Smith teaches from the book of Numbers, specifically focusing on Numbers 6:22-27. He begins by explaining that these verses contain the instructions given to Aaron and his sons on how to bless the children of Israel. The blessing includes asking for God's protection, favor, and peace upon the people. Pastor Chuck emphasizes the importance of being conscious of God's goodness and giving thanks to Him. He concludes by praying for the viewers to have a beautiful week, filled with the awareness of God's presence and blessings.

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## Transcript

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you With His Spirit and His love Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh, let Him have the things that mold you And His Spirit, like a dove Will descend upon your life And make you whole  
Now in verse 22, the Lord spoke to Moses saying, Speak to Aaron and his son, saying, This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them, Jehovah bless you and keep you. Jehovah make His face shine upon you And be gracious to you.

Jehovah lift up His countenance upon you And give you peace. And thus shall you put my name On the children of Israel And I will bless them. And a God who will keep His people.

The keeping power of God. Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling. Peter said, unto you who are kept By the power of God through faith.

Jehovah bless thee and keep thee. Jehovah make His face shine upon you And be gracious to you. The face of God shining upon us.

We live in the eternal day. There is no need for sun or moon, it says in heaven. For the Lamb shall be the light thereof.

And there is no night there. Perpetual day. So, the second characteristic of God's graciousness Or God's grace.

God wants you to know that He is gracious. Now, a young man came up and he said, Chuck, what can I do? I have so misrepresented God. I've known the Lord, I've walked with the Lord But then I walked away from the Lord.

And I so misrepresented God. What can I do? And I said, remember, God is gracious. Though you've misrepresented Him, yet He is gracious.

That's the way the Lord wants to put His name upon the people. I'm gracious. Forgiving.

And then, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you And give you peace. The God of peace imparts His peace to us. And so the Jehovah bless, Jehovah is gracious And Jehovah give you peace.

Be gracious to you, bless you all. That is the God that we serve. No wonder we love Him.

And that is the God that we're to represent. And if I'm representing God, then I am going to Be seeking to be a blessing to people. I'm going to be gracious towards people.

And I'm going to seek peace. Because I'm God's representative. As we get into the 7th chapter We find that the leaders of Israel, verse 2 Made an offering to the Lord.

And in their offering, the 12 tribes, 12 leaders of the 12 tribes They brought, first of all, 6 carts Covered wagons And 12 oxen. Every 2 tribe furnished 1 cart and each tribe furnished 1 oxen. And they were brought to Moses to give to the Levites For the work of the tabernacle of meeting To each man according to his service.

So Moses took the carts and the oxen and gave them to the Levites. Now 2 of the carts and 4 of the oxen they gave to Gershon According to their service.

Now remember last week the families of Levi were divided up Into which portion of the tent that they would carry Whenever they moved the tabernacle How that they had this whole procession Aaron and his sons would come in and take and cover the Ark of the Covenant And cover the table to show bread, cover the lampstand Put the staves through so they could carry them And then the other things were wrapped up And part of the Levites were to carry the curtains And another part were to carry the boards and the whole thing So here were covered wagons when they moved camp And so 4 carts and 8 oxen were given to the sons of Meruri Because they were carrying the boards and the poles and everything else The heavier part So they had 4 carts and 2 carts for Gershon But to the sons of Kohath They

didn't get any carts because the family of Kohath They carried on the staves the Ark of the Covenant And the table to show bread and the altar and so forth They were carried with those sticks that were put through the rings And so they were born by hand, not put in a cart And so the leaders offered this dedication offering Then they brought other offerings to the Lord And in the other offerings the leader of each tribe Came with the offering for the tribe And from the tribe of Judah was Nashon And he offered a silver platter That was 130 shekels of weight A silver bowl that weighed 70 shekels And both of them were filled with flour and oil As a grain offering He offered a gold pan that was full of incense One young bull, one ram and one male lamb in the first year as a bird offering A kid

of the goats as a sin offering and 2 oxen, 5 rams 5 male goats, 5 male lambs in their first year Now, through the rest of the 7th chapter You find the repetition Each tribe gave the same offering Each tribe gave a silver platter, gave a silver bowl, gave this golden pan And gave the same offering And so it names the leader of the tribe And the tribe that he was from And it repeats the same offering over and over Each tribe gave the same Now it does get rather repetitious as you're reading it through That's why we're going to jump it It's one of the longest chapters in the Bible It's a chapter in which God lists the offerings of the various tribes It is interesting to me that God kept such accurate record Even though they were sort of duplicate type of records Yet God kept an accurate

record of what the people gave I'm certain that he still does In the 8th chapter The Lord spoke to Moses to speak to Aaron Concerning the arrangement of the lamps The 7 lamps that give light in front of the lampstand Now this lampstand, verse 4, was of hammered gold From its shaft to its flowers It was hammered work according to the pattern Which the Lord had shown to Moses to make the lampstand And then there was the dedication at this point Of the Levites for their service Take the Levites, verse 6, from among the children of Israel And cleanse them in a ceremony Thus you shall do to them to cleanse them Sprinkle water of purification on them And let them shave all their body Let them wash their clothes and make themselves clean Then let them take a young bull with its grain offering of

fine flour mixed with oil And take another young bull as a sin offering And you shall bring the Levites before the tabernacle of meeting You shall gather together the whole assembly of the children of Israel Now the whole assembly, the congregation was to be gathered It's going to be a day we're going to consecrate these Levites For their service to God They're going to go through this cleansing ritual In order that they might serve the Lord for the people On behalf of the people So call the whole assembly and bring in the Levites before the Lord The children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites So all of the people of Israel lay their hands on these fellows You're going to serve the Lord for me And may God bless you and may God help you As you serve the Lord in my stead And so

the congregation laying their hands on the Levites And so you're to bring the Levites before the Lord The children of Israel lay their hands on them And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the Lord As though they were a wave offering Now the wave offering you lift up So they didn't lift them all up and wave them before the Lord But as in a symbolic sense Here they are Lord As a wave offering before you And then the Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the young bulls And you will offer one as a sin offering And the other as a burnt offering to the Lord To make atonement for the Levites So the Israelites, the children of Israel lay their hands on the Levites Now the Levites being cleansed start their ministry But before they do they lay their hands on these two bulls The one is

the sin offering The transferring of their guilt over onto the bull It was slain, offered as a sin offering The second one, the burnt offering was the offering of consecration And so it is these men are to be consecrated unto God In this service to the Lord And thus you shall separate the Levites Or consecrate them from the children of Israel And the Levites shall be mine For they were wholly given to me From among the children of Israel I have taken them for myself Verse 16 Instead of all who opened the womb Of the firstborn of the children of Israel For all of the firstborn Verse 17 Among the children of Israel are mine Both man and beast On the day that I struck all of the firstborn In the land of Egypt I sanctified or set them apart to myself Now, when God Passed through the land of

Egypt And destroyed the firstborn in the land God made a provision for the redemption of the firstborn Moses instructed the people Take a lamb of the first year without blemish Kill it, put the blood in a basin

And with a hyssop bush Sprinkle the blood upon the lintels in the doorpost of your house And when the Lord passes through the land this night When he sees the blood upon the door He'll pass over that house So that the firstborn will not be slain So the lamb was a substitute for the firstborn in the house It died instead of the firstborn Whereas in the land of Egypt When the Lord passed through And each family when they awoke Found that the firstborn child had been slain There in the camp of Israel Where the blood was protecting the houses Not a child was slain They were redeemed by

the blood of the lamb They had been purchased Their life was purchased by the life of the lamb Which blood was shed for the family Now the Lord said In that night I really purchased all of the firstborn They became mine They owe their lives to me And thus they are mine And that is what redemption implies When you've been redeemed by someone It implies that you now belong to that person You who have been redeemed through Jesus Christ Really are no longer your own Paul wrote to the Corinthians And he said Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit Which is in you And you are not your own You've been bought with a price Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit Which are his You're really not your own anymore If you have been redeemed by Jesus Christ You don't

belong to yourself You don't have the right to do what you want to do You don't have the right to follow your own plan Or your own ambitions You belong to Jesus Christ And your life is his You're not your own You've been bought with a price You've been redeemed And that means that you're no longer your own You belong to him God said I redeemed them all And I claimed them that night for my own They're mine The night that I passed through and wiped out the firstborn By sparing these they become mine And so by giving you eternal life through Jesus Christ You actually give up your rights to yourself I no longer am a self-determinate creature I surrendered those rights to the Lord And he now is the one who has the right to tell me what I am to do How I am to do it Where I am to do it And when

I am to do it Your life belongs to God And how many of us are robbing from God that which he purchased By our own self-willed ways We don't have this concept down in our minds at all You may accept it in theory form But in practice I'm afraid we're far from it To realize hey I belong to him I've been crucified with Christ Nevertheless I live Yet not I But Christ is living in me And the life that I am now living in the flesh I'm living by the faith of the Son of God Who loved me and gave himself for me I'm not my own I've been bought with a price I'm to glorify God both in my body and spirit which belong to him I'm to live for him not for me And anytime I live for me I am actually taking from God that which is his That which belongs to him That which he redeemed And God laid claim on it He

said I claim them The night that I passed over them in Egypt And spared their lives I claim them They belong to me That night I purchased them So you've been purchased You belong to him And so God says now I have taken the Levites This cleansing rite for the Levites Because I've taken the Levites Instead of the firstborn of the children of Israel And I have given them as a gift now to Aaron And to his sons To do the work for the children of Israel in the tabernacle Rather than the firstborn of every family being there God took the Levites instead And so Moses and Aaron and all of the congregation of Israel Did to the Levites according to that which the Lord commanded Moses And they purified themselves, washed their clothes Aaron presented them as a way of offering They offered the

sacrifices Now verse 24 This is what pertains to the Levites From 25 years old and above One may enter to perform the service In the work of the tabernacle of meeting Now you remember this was a portable place of worship It could be broken down and moved And was broken down and moved many times And sometimes they'd set it up for a day Sometimes for a year You never know how long this place is going to

be sitting here Because they could collapse it and they'd move it And so these guys that were doing this moving They had their jobs all assigned You guys are going to roll up this portion of the curtains over here And you guys roll up this curtain And you guys carry these boards And they were directed in the service that they were to do In the moving of the tabernacle They could not enter

into this until they were 25 years old And as soon as they were 50 years old Ouchki No more carrying, no more labor Now you can stand there and direct the others You had the experience now You've been around, you know how the thing goes together You know how the thing is taken apart So you stand there and you supervise after 50 I like that Not really Too much to get my hands into things But after 50 years of old They must, it says, they must cease performing the work And so they can attend to the other needs But they shall do no work That's the Levites From 25 to 50 They were able to come in and do this service of moving Now in chapter 9 The Lord spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai In the first month of the second year After they had come out of the land of Egypt So two years now

There at Sinai Let the children of Israel keep the Passover in its appointed time On the fourteenth day of this month at twilight You shall keep it at its appointed time That's why the Jews begin their days in the evening At twilight sundown begins the day We begin our days at midnight They began the day at sundown And their day went from sundown to sundown And they still observe their days from sundown to sundown Their Sabbath day begins Friday evening sundown Goes to Saturday evening sundown And so at twilight keep the appointed time According to all the rites and ceremonies you're to keep it So Moses told the children of Israel They were to keep the Passover Now there were certain men Verse 6 Who were defiled by the body of a dead person They had touched a dead body And they didn't

have the time to go through the purification rites So they came to Moses and said Look we are unclean We've touched a dead body We can't go through the ceremony What shall we do?

And so the Lord Moses said to him Now stand still here That I might hear what the Lord will command concerning you Now I like this Moses took every issue to the Lord What are we going to do about us? We can't observe the Passover We've touched a dead body What shall we do? Just wait a minute Let me go in and find out from the Lord I like that He had enough wisdom to seek the Lord for each decision Here's an issue that's come up We haven't faced this before What are we going to do about it?

Well what does the Lord want us to do about it? I think of that verse of the song Oh what needless pain we bear All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer If you don't know what to do about a certain situation Rather than just moving in on it Wait! Pray! Stand still! Let's just see what God has to say about this I think a lot of times in our Wanting to get moving Let's do something I think a lot of times in just doing something We do it wrong Let's see what the Lord has Stand still!

See what the Lord has to say about this And so Moses went in to inquire Of the Lord concerning these men We'll return next time with more valuable insights on The celebration of the Passover And we do hope you'll make plans to join us But right now I'd like to remind you That if you missed any part of today's message Or perhaps you'd like to order a copy For that special friend or loved one You can do so by simply contacting One of our customer service representatives And they'd be more than happy to assist you With the ordering details Simply call 1-800-272-WORD And phone orders can be taken Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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