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**Numbers 6:22-27**  
"The LORD Bless You"

### Numbers 6:22-27 (NIV)

<sup>22</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>23</sup> "Tell Aaron and his sons, "This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

<sup>24</sup> ""The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.""

<sup>27</sup> "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

*This study is adapted from "The Whole Bible" study.*

### Look

Verses 24-26 "*LORD*"—The word *LORD* (note the small capital letters) is a translation of the Hebrew "Jehovah." (*Lord*, spelled out in regular text, is a translation of the Hebrew word for "Adonia.") "*LORD*" is the special name God used to proclaim himself as the God of free and faithful grace.

### Discuss

1. The word *LORD* is repeated three times in the Aaronic benediction. Why do you think the word *LORD* is repeated three times in these few verses?

It emphasizes God's faithfulness to his promises. It brings to mind the triune nature of our God.

2. How do the words "The LORD bless you and keep you" (verse 24) reflect the Father's work?

Physically and spiritually we are the recipients of the Father's creating and preserving power and grace.

3. How do the words “The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you” (verse 25) bring to mind the work of the Son?

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed proclaims the wonders of God's saving grace in Jesus Christ our Savior. Luther, in his explanation to the Apostle's Creed, speaks this way about Christ: “He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil.”

4. How do the words “The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace” (verse 26) reveal the work of the Holy Spirit?

God has not turned his back on us or ignored us. Rather, he continually turns his face toward us, that is, he gives us his undivided attention and love as the Holy Spirit brings us the peace of sins forgiven through faith in Christ Jesus the Savior.

## Apply

5. Henry argues, “Everyone worships the same God. We simply know him by different names.” How do you respond?

God has chosen to reveal himself in his Word as triune: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He is also the “LORD,” the special God who has made specific promises to us and remains faithful to them. We truly know God only when we believe in his promises and how they are fulfilled in Christ.

6. Henry is a member of the Mormon church. He contends that the words *triune* and *trinity* are not found in Scripture and that Christians are believing something not found in the Word of God. How do you respond?

While these words are not found in Scripture, they describe how God reveals himself in Scripture: one God, yet three distinct persons who are each called God.

*God told Moses how the priests were to bless the Israelites. The word LORD played the prominent role.*

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