



WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

And The Soul Felt Its Worth

The Lord Be Gracious to You

Numbers 6:24-27

The very first benediction we see in the Bible was first given in the context of a book written at the end of Israel's wilderness wanderings and as they prepared to enter the Promised Land. It's a book that looks backward and forward, reminding God's covenant people of their past blessings, as well as encouraging them concerning God's future promises. God instructs Aaron and his sons, through Moses, to offer this blessing to the people of Israel.

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- What did you hear?
- What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

VERSES FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

"The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you..." Numbers 6:25

We see threads throughout scripture of God's people asking Him to "make His face shine upon them." They are seeking God's approval, the way we spend much of our lives looking to the faces of those whose approval we seek. Human beings find their purpose in their relationships.

- *Knowing that we were created for relationship with God and each other, how can this affect the way you prioritize and treat your relationships, especially during Advent?*

Thomas reminded us that we have already received an 'A' from God, that we are already loved. However, we are prone to define many things contractually in our lives, to dispose of the things in life that displease us. We are assured, however, that grace is given to us not as a result of a contract, but a covenant with God.

- *What are some practices you can do to help you more fully accept God's divine grace in your life, knowing that acceptance of His grace is fundamental to our souls feeling their true worth?*

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Heavenly Father, as we journey through Advent, help us to realize and accept the good news that we have already earned Your favor and grace. Help us to be faithful witnesses by extending that grace to those around us. May we celebrate that Your face shines upon us everywhere we go. Amen.