The Father's Heart

05 - Tools for Sharing the Good News

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Text: "Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: 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.' "So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them." (Num. 6:22–27, NASB).

Theme: The Blessing reveals the Father's heart for you.

Intro: What is the Father's heart toward you? Today, we will discover the Father's heart toward you by diving deep into the Blessing (the Birkat Kohanim). It's also referred to as the Priestly Blessing or the Aaronic Blessing. In Hebrew, the Blessing is precisely sixty letters (the value of the Hebrew letter 'Samekh' D, which surrounds the passage). These sixty letters give us a three-hundred-sixty view of the Father's kind intention and will for his holy people. The Good News is that through Jesus – Abraham's seed – you are included in this blessing (Gal. 3:6-9, 13-14). By Jesus' work, the curse of sin and death has been lifted off you, and the blessing of his obedience and eternal life has been gifted to you. In this message, we will focus on the first line of the Blessing. It's made up of three words in Hebrew and seven in English, and each Hebrew word is a deep ocean revealing our identity and purpose. I'll also be drawing from the latest infographic I designed for you: You are Blessed.

1) _____ the Blessing (<u>Ephesians 1:3; 6:16-17</u>).

2) _____ the Blessing (<u>Numbers 6:24</u>).

3) _____ the Blessing (<u>John 15:16</u>).