

## Comfort and Peace from God

### Commentary for March 15, 2023 — Through Knowledge of Your Creator

When I was young attending the Lutheran church with my family, the service always ended with a benediction asking God to bless the congregation. The pastor quoted Moses who said:

**“YHWH bless you, and keep you:**

**YHWH make his face shine upon you,<sup>1</sup> and be gracious unto you:**

**YHWH lift up his countenance [face] upon you, and give you peace.**

**• Numbers 6:24–26, modified KJV**

YHWH offered several things to the Israelites:

- He would give His personal blessing to them.
- He will “keep” them as His own.
- His face would shine (with joy) when He looks upon them (see Psalm 21:6, 31:16, 67:1, 80:1–3, 7, 19, 119:135; Daniel 9:17).
- He will be gracious [polite, courteous, and generous] to them (Genesis 43:29; Exodus 33:19; Malachi 1:9; John 1:17).
- His countenance [the same Hebrew term as “face” in the previous verse 25] will be upon them. In other words, YHWH will pay close attention to their needs and provide for His people Israel.
- He will give them peace in the land He chooses for Israel, as large as the territory promised to Abraham, as opposed to war and chaos.

God’s blessing to Israel was conditional. This expression of these loving blessings depended on their active obedience to YHWH’s rules. They did not obey.

### **Our Blessings From God**

As believers in Christ’s resurrection and as His children now, our blessings from God in this era go far beyond the blessings promised to Israel. Their blessings were physical. Ours are spiritual. Our blessings from God are unconditional. Our blessings are not given to us as part of a group, but our blessings are for each believer.

We have knowledge that Israel did not know. They were given little information about the coming Messiah.<sup>2</sup> That was a subject for far in their future. In fact, some prophecies of Moses are for years still future to us. See Dr. Martin’s, [“Mosaic Prophecies for the End-Time.”](#)

We also have the blessing of knowing far more than believers living in the time of Christ and

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<sup>1</sup> Literally, “light up His face toward you.” God smiling at His loved ones is the idea being conveyed.

<sup>2</sup> See Dr. Martin’s article, [“Types of Messiah in the Old Testament.”](#)

the apostles in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century AD.

## **Old Covenant, New Covenant, And The Mystery Are All Operating Now**

Chapter 33, "[Just Who Are You?](#)" is the last chapter of Dr. Martin's book [Essentials of New Testament Doctrine](#). He explains the **seven** phases of progressive revelation about God that He has given to mankind since Adam's creation. Each successive phase adds more information for the minds of those people God allows to receive that knowledge. Unless and until God opens their minds, they will not believe the truths they hear. All seven phases are still operational. Perhaps you have gone through more than one phase before the ultimate understanding of the Mystery teaching given to the apostle Paul and others.

You will receive the greatest benefit from *Essentials* by reading it in the order presented in the Table of Contents. Dr. Martin wrote:

**"This book is designed to be read from beginning to end, in a progressive manner. Although a Topical Index is provided, it is best used for reference after the progressive reading of the book.**

**I feel this method presents the Gospel of Christ in the best possible light. This book (when you finish reading it) will show you WHO YOU ARE [so] ... you can then direct your life in accord with that knowledge of your royal heritage and your awesome potential."**

• **Dr. Ernest Martin, "[Preface to Essentials](#)"**

You are in for a surprise. The Holy Scriptures are indeed the revelation of God to mankind. It is also a revelation to you personally. Your potential is greater than you can possibly imagine, which is why God tells you about it in His Holy Scriptures. You shall achieve your potential through the will of God through the work of Christ in the past, present, and future.

## **YOU Are The Object Of God's Creation**

Yes, that statement is true, and I have expressed it many times. Note these facts:

- All creation was made **for YOU**.
- Christ was born **for YOU**.
- He lived **for YOU**.
- **He died for YOU!**
- He was resurrected **for YOU**, so **YOU** will be resurrected in your turn.
- He was made immortal **for YOU**.
- He was glorified **for YOU**, so **YOU** and all will be glorified with Him, your Elder Brother.
- **YOU** are seated with Him at the right hand of God the Father— figuratively and legally now, literally, and actually in the future.
- **YOU** shall see God the Father face to face, and Christ face to face. Read 1 John 3:2 over and over until YOU understand the implication of that verse.

This is true "**COMFORT AND PEACE FROM GOD.**"

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