

GOOD MORNING/INVOCATION – Bobby & Hannah

BS: This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Hello!

HS: Merry Christmas season, friends! It feels so good to be with you. God so loved you that He gave His one and only Son, Jesus, for you. You are loved, and we love you, too. Thank you for being here.

BS: Yes, we're glad you're here. I remember I had a professor in seminary that said don't say Merry Christmas during Advent. And I just think that's dumb. Turn to your neighbor and say "Merry Christmas." Haven, I think I took away your steam.

HAVEN: It's okay, it's okay.

BS: That was a mistake. Let's begin with a word of prayer. Holy Spirit, we thank you, God that you're here. Wow, we are so touched by the power and the life of the Spirit. Thank you, God that even now as we put our faith and our trust in you, we understand according to your Word that you're fighting for us. That you're doing the good work. That you're healing cells in our body. That you're sending the checks for the money that we're owed. That you're opening the doors for the job opportunities. That you're sending the people into our lives that we need to help us grow in our faith. That you're putting an end to lawsuits and quarrels. That you're acting to bring peace with our neighbors. That you're acting to bring peace in America, even between political parties and striving.

And we thank you according to your Word that you do all these things because you love us. We thank you, God that you've forgiven us of our sin. We thank you that we can stand before you, the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, and we thank you that we can come boldly before your throne without any worry or fear at all. And we love you and we thank you, and it's in Jesus' name we pray, all God's people said, amen.

HAVEN: Like my dad said, he kind of took away my steam, but if you want to go the extra mile, you can say "God loves you and so do I" to your neighbor.

SCRIPTURE – Luke 1:26-31 – Hannah Schuller

You want to open your Bible's to Luke 1:26-31. I'll give you a little time to find that. Let's feed our faith this morning with Luke 1:26-31. I hear some pages turning. It's Bobby.

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, greetings, you who are highly favored. The Lord is with you. Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, do not be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (JOY) – Petit family

GIRL: During the first two weeks of this Advent season, we lit the candles of hope and peace. On this third Sunday of Advent, we will light the candle of joy.

MOM: The prophet Isaiah speaks. Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign. A virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel, God with us.

DAD: This candle is pink, the only one. It expresses the joy Mary felt following the visit of the angel Gabriel, who announced that she would be giving birth to a special child who would bring salvation and deliver God's people. This candle also remembers the joy of the shepherds in the fields, and the joy of the choir of angels who appeared singing to them in the evening sky.

As we light this candle, we welcome Christ's light of joy into every circumstance of concern and sorrow. Our joy builds with the anticipation of His birth as we yearn to experience His love and presence in our lives.

GIRL: Join with me in our unison prayer together:

Lord Jesus, you have spoken to us that your joy may be in us and that our joy may be complete. We will rejoice in the Lord always. We will not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is our strength. Alleluia, amen.

MESSAGE/PRAYER – Bobby Schuller "The Mirth of God"

We're in the middle of the Advent season, which is a very fancy way of saying, it's a countdown to Christmas. Are we okay with that? And so what we do is, each Sunday, each candle represents a theme that we focus on within a scripture, and today's theme is on joy.

Now, how many of you in here that know me personally know this is my sermon, right? This is - Bobby Schuller is a joyful man. I'm a joyful man. We know that. And I am ready today to teach on this because I have plenty of reasons, worldly reasons, to not be joyful. I have been through a lot. I'm sure you have, too. There's things I can point to to say this was unfair or that was too hard. But no, sir, I don't say that, and I don't even think that, and I don't believe that because God never took His joy from me. Because I was taught from a very young age about joy and about how to sustain it through life, through the Word. And it's remained with me and true for me all the days of my life. Do you want that today? Who wants some joy today? All right, let's do it. All right.

Let me begin by saying this. Many of us have plans, and that's good. I tell you all the time write down your vision, have a goal, measure out what you want your life to be, make it bigger, right? All these things. We have these plans. But plans don't always go the way we want them to go, do they. And the good news is this: God's promises are bigger than your plans. I said, God's promises are bigger than your plans.

If you brought your Bibles, and I know many of you did. Keep bringing your Bibles to church. Turn with me to Joshua, chapter one. Now, if you're looking for a Bible verse to memorize to grow in the spirit, this is one of them. This is a word that came from the Lord to Joshua.

Now before this, when the Israelites made it to the Promised Land, 12 spies went into the Promised Land, and 10 came back with a bad report that was called an evil report, even though it was true. Even though there were giants in the land, it was called an evil report. And two came back with a good report. Those two were Joshua and Caleb. And when those two came back, they shared their word and the other 10 shared their word. And in both cases, nobody was lying. Everybody was telling the truth. And everyone who listened to them had the opportunity to choose one aspect or the other. They had the ability to choose whether they would trust God's Word or trust what they saw. Whether they believed God could defeat the giants in the land, or whether the giants would defeat them. And it said that everybody there believed the evil report. And there were about two million people then. That whole generation died, including the 10 spies.

There were two people out of two million that survived that evil report. Of that generation, there were two people that survived. Two out of two million, or could we say one in a million that believed the word of God: Caleb and Joshua and Bobby. That's my camp. Adoniah and Linda. Who else? Who's in that camp? I'm in that camp. I believe God. I believe God about everything in my life. Not because a pastor said it, not because some theological book wrote it, not because I walk by what I see. I walk by what I read. This is what is true for me and this is where my joy comes from. How about you? I'm a simple man. I'm a simple man. If God says it, I believe it. And I'm a joyful man.

Two survived because they believed the good report, because they gave the good report. And this is Joshua and Caleb. Joshua becomes the leader. He's about to enter the Promised Land with the next generation, and this is what God says to Joshua. And it's weird when you memorize the scripture, how things pop, but this is what he says: "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left that you may be successful."

Somebody say successful? (AUDIENCE – successful) Is that okay with you all? “That you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this book of the law always on your mind.” Yes or no? (AUDIENCE – no) Where? (AUDIENCE – lips) Catch that. You keep it on your lips. It's what you say. What you say. Words are seed. What you say. Keep it on your lips. What you say.

Why should we keep it on the lips? Why should we meditate on it day and night? Why? So that we be careful to do everything that is written in it, then you will be what? (AUDIENCE – prosperous) Are you okay with that? And what? (AUDIENCE – successful)

Here's the next bit that really got to me. “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid.” Do not be afraid. Is that a command or a suggestion?

(AUDIENCE – command) Okay. “Do not be discouraged.” Is that a command or a suggestion? (AUDIENCE – command) I need to hear that one a little louder. (AUDIENCE – command) Here's what got me. Do not be discouraged is a command. If it's a command, it's expected to be obeyed. If it's possible to obey it, there is hope for everybody in this room today. God does not ask us to do something we cannot do. We can choose. We can choose to not be afraid, and we can choose to not be discouraged.

The word courage.. actually, the French word for heart is cour. This is where we get the word courage. It means to have heart. It's not about your feelings. It's about your actions and your words. In fact, when you're doing something courageous.. what's the difference between courage and confidence? Confidence is fun. That's the difference. Courage is not fun, but it's a choice. We can choose to not be discouraged, and we have a good reason. Why should we not be discouraged? Because we believe something. We believe something. We believe that the Lord our God will be with us wherever we go. The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Amen?

Joshua. Prosperity and success are a part of God's plan for Israel, according to this, with a caveat that you keep the word of the Lord on your lips. And that you are not afraid. And that you are not discouraged, and that you obey God by doing those things. Have I not commanded you? Do not be afraid. Don't be afraid. Don't worry. Don't be anxious. Joy is a choice. Let me tell you, I'm going to guess I'm in the top 10% of joyful people in this room. But let me just tell you - Joy is a choice, and it's the right choice. It's the right choice.

Dallas Willard gave this great definition of the Biblical idea of joy: Joy is a pervasive, meaning it goes deep, like into the bones. Pervasive. Constant, means it doesn't go away. Sense, meaning you feel it. Of what? Well being. Well being. That's so good. I feel good. I feel happy.

Let me just say something that should be obvious that I feel like so many pastors try and teach against: joy is happy. Joy is happy. Do not let a pastor tell you that joy and happiness are different ideas in the Bible, they're not. Joy is a constant happiness that comes from knowledge and trusting God's Word. Joy is happy. It's happy. I once heard a pastor say, happy's not in the Bible. False. False. Happy is on multiple pages, and yet here's why we don't see happy when we read the Bible in English. Two words: “makarios,” which is the Greek word for happy. You can either translate that as “blessed” or “happy.” And in Hebrew, the word for “happy” is “asher.” You can translate as “blessed” or “happy,” just like at the beginning of Psalm 1, “Blessed is the man who does not walk in the way of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat..” That word is happy. Happy is the man.

Now, let me ask you a philosophical question. That translator, that group of translators, why, if you've got a choice to pick happy or blessed, do you pick blessed 10 times out of 10? Why do you think they pick that word? What do you think? Any ideas? Sounds more religious. Somebody who was here in the first service got the answer right. Well, you weren't here in the first service. Oh, we came to the same conclusion. They're not happy, I think. Look, if you're reading the Word and you got a choice between blessed or happy, and you're not happy, you're going to walk by sight and not by faith, I think.

The Bible promises us happiness, and this is a joy; a joy. Biblical joy smiles. Biblical joy laughs. It's lighthearted. Biblical joy is not stupid or naive. It's the result of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, which confirms the promises and Word of God in my heart that says, no matter what is happening in my life, I know the end of this story. I don't know what the last page says, but I know the God who writes it, and I know that page is good for me. Amen? Is that right for you? It's right for me. We have a reason to smile today. We have a reason to smile today.

Turn with me in your Bibles to Philippians, chapter four. Somebody here just said in their heart, well, 'Pastor Bobby, you don't understand what I'm going through.' Philippians, chapter four. Somebody said, 'Pastor Bobby, can I rejoice in the Lord sometimes?' 'Pastor Bobby?' Okay, now, Philippians was written by Paul from prison. From prison, okay. Now, this is not like Orange County prisons, but not that I would know. These are dungeons that are damp and dark, and there's mice and there's not enough food, and sickness, and it's been a long time. And Paul writes what we call the Epistle of Joy from that place. Is that right?

Philippians chapter 4, verse 4. "Rejoice in the Lord" sometimes. Come on. It can't be always. No, that can't be right. That's not fair. He can't expect me to be joyful always. That's not fair. Sometimes life is just so hard and scary, right?

I need him to say it again. "Rejoice in the Lord always." You know what, I will say it again, says Paul. Rejoice. Look, he really wants us to hear that. "Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious." Somebody say anxious. (AUDIENCE – anxious) Who knows? This, it's not the thing. It's the worrying about the thing. This is the thing that kills our joy. This, this anxious, anxious, worry, worry. What if this, what if that? How are we going to pay the bills? How are we going to get shoes for the kids? No, no, don't be anxious about most things, about (AUDIENCE – anything) anything. "But in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God."

I want you to know that fear is the number one thing that is ruining your joy and your happiness, probably more than whatever thing you're facing. I think the hardest thing we can probably face is like persistent sickness and things like that. But I would say aside from that, the ongoing fear of 'what if this happens' or 'what if that happens' or this worry or that worry. It robs us. It robs us. This word for anxious, it's like strangling. You feel strangled by the constant worrying, worrying.

We got to trust God today. We got to rejoice in the Lord in all things. Here's why - even if you're sick, here's why we got to rejoice: because joy is a superpower. Joy creates armor for the spirit. Joy attracts spirit-filled, positive idea people into your life. Joy is repulsive to uber religious people for whatever reason. And joy is attractive.

Here's one of the biggest reasons the church needs to be joyful - joy is attractive to young people. I said joy is attractive to young people. The reason so many, I believe, in my parent's generation, the boomers, so many of them left the church, is they were leaving a joyless experience. Is that true for the boomers that experienced some of that? Is that true? That the church that the boomers grew up going to when they were young people was joyless? It was uber serious about all things. Joy to them had a frown on their face for whatever reason. Okay? If we want to be serious about passing on this blessing to our generation, we have to understand that the victory and the awesomeness that comes with joy is alluring to people. Amen?

The joy of the Lord is what? My strength, my strength. Joy is a superpower. It's your strength. It makes you well. It literally heals people. I've never seen a study on this. My guess is if you took super happy, joyful people and unhappy people and you put them in a room full of germs, the unhappy people are way more likely to catch a cold. It's just true. It is just true. Joyful people lead to open doors. Everything changes in one's life. The joy of the Lord is your strength. Do you know where that's found in the Bible? (AUDIENCE MEMBER – Nehemiah)

Look, if you went to the first service.. Jen.. all right, turn with me to Nehemiah. We're going to look at it. Nehemiah, chapter 8. Nehemiah, chapter 8. If you're wondering where Nehemiah is, it's after 2nd Chronicles and Ezra. Always look for the fat book, and then you go your way from there. Nehemiah 8. Okay.

The people in Babylonia have been in exile for the second time. They're returning back to Israel, and they're standing in front of the ruins, effectively, of the temple. They've been rebuilding Jerusalem. And these Jewish people finally return home. And the book of the law, Moses, it's the Bible, it's brought out and it's read to this throng of people. It's an emotional experience. It's emotional. After generations, they finally returned home. And the priest, Ezra, is reading the Word of God to the people. And first the hands go up in praise and hallelujah, and then the people begin to weep. Is that a good thing? I think it's a good thing. I mean, I've had many times when I'm worshiping or I'm in God's presence, the anointing falls and I just begin to weep, and where I feel brokenhearted for the lost people that I want reached, but it's interesting what the response says here from Nehemiah.

It says, "Then Nehemiah, the governor, and Ezra, the priest, and the teacher of the law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them, this day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep. For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the law. Nehemiah said, go and enjoy choice food." If that doesn't make you smile.. this is the Bible. "Go and enjoy some choice.." that means good, right? Texas barbecue, lasagna, "and sweet drinks." Anybody like sweet tea? What else is a sweet drink? Maybe a milkshake. Does that count as a drink or food? Vote in the comments section. Please follow us on YouTube. "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve. For the joy of the Lord is your strength." It's your strength. It makes you strong. Makes you strong.

"The Levites calmed all the people, saying, be still. Be still. This day is holy. Do not grieve. Then all the people went away to eat and to drink and to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy because" don't miss this. Because. Because. Because. "Because they understood the words." "They understood the words that had been made known to them." Church, believe and understand the Word of God. Believe and understand the Word of God and joy will be yours. Believe the Word and joy will be yours. It's true for you. It's true. It hasn't changed. It didn't change when the apostles died or whatever. It didn't change when Nehemiah died. The Word of God has always been and always will be true for you and for me. Amen.

Our God heals. He heals bodies. Our God provides. Our God teaches. Our God grows us. Our God removes spirit of depression. Our God removes the spirit of anxiousness. Our God removes these wicked spirits that plague so many of us. Our God expands our life. Who here knows our God saves. Death is no big deal for us. It's nothing. You're going to look at that body and you're like, ugh, finally I got rid of that old clunkity thing. Feel good in this new.. I got my new.. in the new 2.0. I'm feeling good.

Is that right? We don't have to worry about death. We don't have to worry about anything. Our God saves. Our God rescues. And our God is in the building, hovering. Some of you believe that. So, okay, so we have plans, and God has plans. God tells us what His plans are. Did you know that? He says, "I know the plans I have for you." Some of you know this person. I know the plans I have for you. Plans to.. (AUDIENCE – prosper) Come on. Come on, y'all. (AUDIENCE – prosper) Is that okay? Okay. And to what? Not harm you and to what? And to give you a hope and a (AUDIENCE – future) future. A future. A future. Who knows God's future for you is a good future. Thank you, Lord.

I want you to believe. I just want my church to believe. Believe God more. Declare this with me. I believe (AUDIENCE – I believe) God's plans (AUDIENCE – God's plans) are bigger (AUDIENCE – are bigger). I believe (AUDIENCE – I believe) God is here (AUDIENCE – God is here) to answer prayers (AUDIENCE – to answer prayers). Thank you, Lord. Amen.

Don't allow a change in your plans. I know you have plans. Don't allow a change in your circumstances, a change in your address, a change in the economy, a change in your company, a change in your friends, a change in the amount of drones over New Jersey. Right? There is nothing you can do about the drones. Is that right? Just let it go. Trust God's Word. I don't know what's going to happen, but I know if I trust this, it's good. God's got it. He's got the whole world (AUDIENCE – in His hands) in His hands, that's right. I have just enough time. I almost skipped this passage again. Turn with me to Luke chapter 1. This is actually the text I'm teaching on, but I promise I'll be done in like four to seven minutes. I don't promise, but I'm going to do my best. Is that okay with you guys? (AUDIENCE – yes) Luke chapter 1, verse 26. This is the Magnificat, right? The revelation that Mary is going to bear Jesus Christ.

Luke chapter 1, verse 26. "In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee." That is a small town, about 400 people. And so everybody knows everybody. If you went to a high school with 400 people, that's the whole town. Some of you came from a town that's about that size. There are no stoplights in town. It's a yellow blinking light. Just means slow down in case you hit a horse. Right? The one horse we got in this town. One horse town? Okay, small town.

"To a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, greetings, you who are highly favored." Okay, now this is the part that's going to shine to Mary. "The Lord is with you." Now that sounds good, but remember the teenagers in these days, they had large portions of the Old Testament memorized. "The Lord is with you" is a famous phrase in the Old Testament. It's said to great men and women of God just before they're about to go into a battle. It's a promise that they're going to have a battle, but God's going to give them the victory. But if you know that and you've not been through a big battle before, this could be scary, especially when you've got a nine-foot flaming angel in front of you talking, right? "The Lord is with you." It's what God says to Joshua before the battle. It's what the Lord says to Gideon before the battle.

Then it says here.. forget.. where I lost my place. Oh, da, da, da, da. Where was I? What verse was I on? Twenty-nine. Okay. "Mary was greatly troubled," right? That's anxious, afraid, worried. Why? Because "at his words, she wondered what kind of greeting this might be."

But the angel said to her the same thing that angels always say to everyone when a miracle needs to happen. I said, Gabriel says to Mary the same thing I've said to you every sermon for six months. The same thing every angel says to every person before God is about to move: do not fear! Don't fear. Don't be afraid. Okay, "Mary, you've found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great, and he'll be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever. His kingdom will never end."

"How will this be, Mary asked the angel, since I'm a virgin. The angel answered, the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you till the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth, your relative, is going to have a child in her old age, and she who is said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word.." okay, my gosh, this is a good one. For what? "For no word from God will ever fail." No word from God will ever fail. No word from God will ever, ever fail.

Declare after me no word (AUDIENCE – no word) from God (AUDIENCE – from God) will ever fail me (AUDIENCE – will ever fail me). It cannot. See, this is where the joy comes from. This is where the joy comes from. Somebody in here is like, it's just words. It's not just words.

If you won the lottery today, who here would be joyful? A couple of you would. I would be joyful if I won the lottery today.

One more time - if you won the lottery, who would be joyful? Okay, that's more. Okay, so you get your ticket, okay? You're standing there and you're watching the TV. Somebody gave you this lottery ticket for Christmas. You don't play the lottery. You're a believer.

That's dumb. But somebody gave you a lottery ticket. You're like, okay, Aunt May, whatever. And you're reading the ticket and you're like, oh, I'll just see. And the number's come up: 2-2-4-4-8-8-16-16-23-23-42-42. How chilled out are you in that moment? You are hooting, you are hollering, you are screaming, you are calling, you are texting. That's joy.

Now let me just say to you, why are you so joyful? And you say to me, because I won the lottery. And I say to you, where's the money? You don't have any money. And you look at me like, you dummy, I just won the lottery. It's right here. And I look at you and I say, all you have is a piece of paper with words on it. A lottery ticket. All you have is a piece of paper with some words on it. It's just words.

And what would you say to me? (AUDIENCE MEMBER – the money's coming) That's right, Lance, the money is coming. How do I know? Because I trust the state of California, okay? Now we are more comfortable, some of us, trusting the word from the state of California, then we are trusting the Word of God.

Somebody takes that ticket and they say, no, it just means, you know, it means like, good things are coming my way, and then they just kind of put it on the table. Or do they actually take it? Okay, you get it. We don't need to dwell on it. God's Word is true. It's true for you. You can take it to the bank. You can take it to the bank.

Here's what joy is. Joy is assurance that I know things are going to turn out well. This is Mary's story. Think about what just happened, okay? We all say, oh, she's going to have the Son of God. Wow! It's amazing. But in their actual context, in this little one horse town with 400 people, there's been all this work that's gone on between her family and Joseph's family to make sure – it's an arranged marriage, right? To make sure they're going to be married. Joseph is this young, cool guy. She probably loves him. She's excited to start a family with him in a very conservative, religious little town. And first she's got to talk to Joseph. Hey, Joseph, you're never going to believe this, right? And then she's got to tell what, her parents? Or how about Joseph's parents? That's going to be a fun one, right? And what about the community? And by the way, in those days, teenage single moms were impoverished, used goods, unlikely to ever have a husband. Can't work, begging. Do any of these things go through Mary's head? Maybe, maybe not.

Here's why it doesn't matter: it was never on her lips. It doesn't matter what she felt. Here's what matters: what she said and what she believed. Is that true? This is why she was chosen. She's a woman of faith. Woman of faith. No word from God can ever fail, says Gabriel. Mary says, may your word to me be fulfilled. Amen. Thank you, Lord. And in fact, Elizabeth, her cousin, later says, "Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her." Isn't that a great text? Blessed is she. Blessed is she.

Women of God. How many women are in the house today? Women of God, let me see you, raise your hand. Do you believe God's Word? (AUDIENCE – yes) Do you believe God's words for your needs? (AUDIENCE – yes) Do you believe God will heal you? (AUDIENCE – yes) I want to hear you, come on, ladies. Do you believe God will heal you? (AUDIENCE – yes) Do you believe God will do all the things that your spouse and your kids need Him to do? (AUDIENCE – yes) (CHILD – yes) Amen. That's good.

Don't worry. Don't worry. No more sorrow. No more sorrow. No more worrying. No more anxious. Trust the Word. It's true for you. It's true for you. It is true for you today as it ever was. Believe like Mary did. Men, too. Believe. No worrying. No worrying. Amen.

(AUDIENCE – amen) We thank you, Lord.

Stand with me. God doesn't want us sad. The joy of the Lord is your strength. Raise your hands with me, like this. Father, we thank you that your Holy Spirit hovers in this place today. And wherever the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

We are not worried anymore. We're not worried about money, about legal issues. We're not worried about our children or our spouses or our parents. We believe, not out of a place of begging, but out of a place of faith that the Word of God is always true for us. Thank you, Lord, that today we are free from fear. We are free from worry. He who the Son sets free is free indeed. We receive the joy of the Lord, a superpower, a smile on our face. Today we're going to enjoy every meal, every conversation, every nap, whatever it is. We thank you, Lord that today is the day the Lord has made. It is a holy day, and we will live it with joy. And all God's people said, amen.

BENEDICTION – Bobby Schuller

And now the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you His peace in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, amen.