

Make His Face Shine; Numbers 6:22-27

- I. Success vs. Failure
 - A. Looking for failure instead of success
 - B. God is not like that, He wants us to succeed
 - C. Sometimes we imagine him with a big boot, just waiting for us to sin so he can step on us
 - D. But God wants us to succeed
- II. Delighted
 - A. The LORD make His face to shine upon you
 - B. The LORD wants to be delighted in His relationship with you
 - C. The LORD wants you to succeed in life
 - D. Walk
 1. 1 John 1:7–8; 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 2. Walking in the light is not being sinless, “If we say we have no sin...”
 3. “Walk” - live, practice - “a settled practiced lifestyle” Gerald Paden
 - E. Confess
 1. 1 John 1:9–10; 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.
 2. “Confess” - of one mind, “to come along side, to agree with” Gerald Paden
 3. We must agree with God that our sinful behavior is, in fact, sinful behavior
 - F. Depart
 1. 2 Timothy 2:19; But God’s firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.”
 2. God, throughout the Scriptures, is very clear on how He feels about sinful lifestyles
 - a) Sodom and Gamorrah (destroyed because they did not agree with God on their settled, practiced life of sin)
 - b) The inhabitants of the land of Canaan (they were destroyed by Israel because of their sin, Genesis 15:16)
 - c) Israel’s captivity (Deuteronomy 28:41)
 - d) John 8:10–11; 10 Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” 11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”
 - e) John 5:14; Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.”
 - G. We must “depart from iniquity;” the settled practiced lifestyle of sin
 - H. We must “walk in the light;” the settled practiced lifestyle of serving God
- III. Smile
 - A. When God thinks of us does He smile?
 - B. Daniel
 1. “Greatly loved;” 9:23; 10:11, 19
 2. Desirable, precious, valuable, treasure
 3. Daniel did not have any special gift, like the strength of Samson or the wisdom of Solomon
 4. Daniel was a man dedicated to God through his words and his actions

5. Daniel's captivity - Daniel 1:8; But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself.
 6. The King's first vision
 - a) Daniel 2:19–23; 19 Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. 20 Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. 21 He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; 22 he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. 23 To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter."
 - b) Daniel 2:27–28; 27 Daniel answered the king and said, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, 28 but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these:
 7. The King's second vision - Daniel 4:24–27; 24 this is the interpretation, O king: It is a decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king, 25 that you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. You shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and you shall be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will. 26 And as it was commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be confirmed for you from the time that you know that Heaven rules. 27 Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity."
 8. The Handwriting on the Wall - Daniel 5:23; but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored.
 9. The Lion's Den - Daniel 6:19–22; 19 Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. 20 As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" 21 Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! 22 My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm."
 10. It is easy to see why God calls Daniel a "man greatly loved"
- C. Are we like Daniel?
1. In our extolling God and His wonderful love and grace?
 2. In working and serving in His Kingdom?
 3. Does God smile when He thinks of you?
- IV. Gracious
- A. Would we want to go to heaven if everything promised is there... except Jesus?

1. Revelation 22:3–5; 3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.
 2. Romans 5:15-21
 3. 2 Corinthians 12:7–9; 7 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
 4. Ephesians 1:7; In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,
 5. John 1:16–17; 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- B. We are nothing without the LORD’s grace through His Son, Jesus the Christ!
- V. Make His Face Shine
- A. The LORD wants to be delighted in His relationship with You
 - B. The LORD wants to smile on you
 - C. The LORD poured His grace (Grace) out upon you