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Today, I thought a little different blogging might be nice.

For 8 years I sang in choirs, through high school and college, first at Livonia Stevenson and then North Park. In 8 years, I have no idea how many concerts we performed. Add to that the smaller, ensemble choirs and there were literally hundreds of choral performances I was blessed to take part in. But of all of these performances, my all time favorite ones all ended the same way, with "The Benediction".

As each year of college ended, our final concert ended with this song and we seldom if ever made it through with dry eyes. Most seniors didn't make it through at all, being their last performance. And when our North Park Choir toured Sweden, Estonia, and Russia, we sang it in cathedrals and concert halls, palaces and even on the subway. And every time, the power of these words was palpable.

The simple words given by God to Aaron still hold power today. At the end of most every Spiritual Direction session I lead, I end with these words. And sometimes in worship this becomes the benediction as well.

I encourage you to click the title below for a Virtual Choir rendition of this song by people associated with the Abilene Christian College choir. Close your eyes and hear the words of God, His mighty blessing, wash over you today.

[The Benediction](#)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord lift His countenance upon you.

And give you peace.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you. And be gracious...

The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.