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6:22-27	Priestly blessing	Corporate blessing	Blessing even of the unfaithful!	It is by repenting, trusting & obeying Jesus that we get God's blessing on us & ours.

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