

with no anthropomorphisms, but this blessing is very anthropomorphic -- The LORD make his face shine upon thee; the LORD lift up his countenance upon thee. It's very anthropomorphic. We must realize our precise human formulas don't fit God, but often they give us an idea of God that we can't get in any other way. And so these anthropomorphisms in the Scripture are not necessarily a sign of anything primitive. But they may be a way of describing something about God which we can understand ^{better} in that way ~~better~~ than in any other way whether that is -- it isn't exactly like may anyway, it's somewhat different - anything about God. But it is an analogy which has a real meaning for us. So here we have this stress upon the face of God. The LORD make his face shine upon thee, the LORD lift up His face upon thee." The Heb. word is exactly the same. The KJV writers did not like to use the word twice in a row, so they make it face in one vs. and countenance in the next. But it is all from the face of God everything that is worth anything in our lives. The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his face upon thee . We need to live constantly in the presence of the Lord. We need to look to him constantly for our blessing and realize that everything comes from Him. But it ~~is~~ ends with the words "and give thee peace". It begins with the words "bless thee and keep thee". Now that word "keep" there is an unfortunate word because in old Eng. it had one meaning and it has lost that meaning today. Today it might mean that but not ordinarily. What it means ~~is~~ exactly is "guard" rather than "keep". It means "protect". It means "keep away from you" that which would be harmful to you. It means "enable you to go forward safely"/ We don't get that meaning out of "keep" today. It is one of the cases where a word changes its meaning little by little, and changed it to where today they just don't convey it. You know I feel there is a tremendous need of a translation that is dependable, that is true to the Script. like the KJV was but that is in today's language. And I don't feel the need of it simply because today hardly anyone knows what a froward man is, or what it is to pray God to keep ~~us~~ us from leasing. And when Paul says, "I do you to wit of the grace of God" or he says --the