

*The Benediction*

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Traditionally, Christian worship concludes with the 'benediction.' Based on the Latin word benedicto, which means 'blessing,' the benediction is a pronouncement of blessing upon God's people. But do we really understand the importance and significance of the benediction in public worship? In this session we will examine the precedent for the benediction and the presence of the benediction in New Testament worship.

1. The Precedent for the Benediction
  - a. The language of the blessing
  - b. The blessing in general
    - (1) For whom was the blessing?
    - (2) When did the blessing occur?
    - (3) What was the significance of the blessing?
2. The Benediction in the New Testament