## blessings

what is a benediction? *it is a blessing* 

we didn't have benedictions *so you weren't blessed?* 

the food was blessed the loaf and communal cup were blessed the reading of scripture was blessed symbolism was key to their belief church was people not place the people looked fit for a wedding Sunday best was dressed fancy hats and outward show apparently though only man looks on the outward appearance God is looking at the heart Jesus first, others next, yourself last this brings true joy...and blessing? of course only men could bless women must remain silent out of touch, out of date

a dying breed, the late "brethren" brothers with sisters devoted to staring

who's really doing the caring in their tiny world?

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