

The Aaronic Blessing

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Numbers 6: 22-27 (ESV) The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, 24 The Lord bless you and keep you; 25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; 26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. 27 "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

This could also be called the LORD's Prayer for His people. This is God's heart revealed, His heart of undying love and affection toward all who are called by His name.

s2) The Aaronic blessing has three segments, with each division containing two parts.



"The first blessing is the most general (v. 24). God's blessing is His goodness poured out. The priest called on Him not only to provide for His people but to defend them from all evil. – Constables Notes

May the LORD bless you . . .

Bless: Strong's: בָּרַךְ bārak, baw-rak'; a primitive root; to kneel down; by implication to bless man (as a benefit)

"Bless thee - Bestow upon you all manner of blessings, temporal and spiritual. Keep thee - That is, continue his blessings to thee. . ." -- Wesley's Expository Notes

Acts 3:26 (AMPC) *It was to you first that God sent His Servant and Son Jesus, when He raised Him up [provided and gave Him for us], to bless you in turning every one of you from your wickedness and evil ways.*

James 1:17 (ESV) *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

and keep you . . .

Keep: Strong's 8104 שָׁמַר shâmar, shaw-mar'; to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard, to keep watch over, protect, attend, to exercise great care over, give attention to.

“. . . Keep thee - That is, continue his blessings to thee, and preserve thee in and to the use of them; keep thee from sin and its bitter effects.” –Wesley’s Expository Notes

. . . **and keep you** “from, the evil of the world, from the evil one Satan, from the evil of sin, and the power, prevalence, and dominion of it, and from falling totally and finally by it, and keep in a state of grace unto everlasting salvation.” –John Gill's Exposition of the Bible

Psalms 121:5-8 (ESV) *The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. 6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. 8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.*

1 Corinthians 1:8-9 (NLT) *He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. 9 God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

s3) May the LORD’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you.



Shine: Strong’s H215: אָרַו 'owr, ore; luminous, light, set on fire, shine

“The second blessing is more specific (v. 25). God’s face is the revelation of His personality to people. It radiates as fire does, consuming evil and bestowing light and warmth, and it shines

as the sun, promoting life. God’s graciousness refers to the manifestation of His favor and grace in the events of life.” -- Constables Notes

Psalms 31:16 (ESV) *Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!*

Psalms 80:3 (ESV) *Restore us, O God; **let your face shine**, that we may be saved!*

Gracious: Strong’s H2603 חָנַן chānan, khaw-nan' ; to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior, to favor, bestow, causatively to implore beseech, to be gracious, causatively to be merciful, to have pity upon.

Isaiah 30:18 (ESV) *Therefore the LORD waits to be **gracious to you**, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.*

Jonah's Anger and the LORD's gracious compassion

Jonah 4:1-2 (ESV) *But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. 2 And he prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I*

made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that **you are a gracious God** and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.

Psalm 67:1 (ESV) *To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah*

s4) May the LORD turn His face to you



Face: Strong's H6440 פָּנָי pânîym, paw-neem'; the face (as the part that turns) countenance, bearing or expression that offers approval, favor

“ . . . implying more personal and individual attention from the Lord. . . To lift up the eyes or the face upon any one is to look upon that one with peculiar and tender interest.”

--Pulpit Commentary

“Show his face and favour, look cheerfully on his people, declare himself well pleased with them in Christ, and appear as smiling upon them through him, indulging them with visits of love, restoring to them the joys of his salvation, and upholding them with his free Spirit; and so causing them to walk pleasantly and comfortably in the ways of God, expecting eternal life and happiness, as God's free gift through Christ.” –Gill’s Exposition of the Entire Bible

s5) And give you peace



Peace: Strong's: שָׁלוֹם shâlôwm, shaw-lome'; or שָׁלֹם shâlôm; peace, safe(ty), completeness, soundness, quiet, tranquility, contentment, health, prosperity

“Shalom” does not mean just the absence of aggravation. It is the sum of all God’s blessings.” – Constables Notes

“and give thee peace; all outward needful prosperity, internal peace of mind, through the blood and righteousness of Christ, the peacemaker, and peace giver, and eternal peace in the world to come.” –Gill’s Exposition of the Entire Bible

“This peace, being the perfect fruit in experience of the grace which comes from God, forms the climax and conclusion of the benediction.” --Pulpit Commentary

Numbers 6:26 (AMPC) *The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquility of heart and life continually).*

Philippians 4:7 (AMPC) *And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

John 14:27 (ESV) *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*

Romans 14:17 (ESV) *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and **peace** and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

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- Worship team come up

Vs. 27 "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

“Putting the name on them” is an expression that emphasizes the truth that he is their God and they are his people or that having his name is having his blessing.

- Blow the Shofar

 Play the Mp4 Aaronic Blessing

Mention Communion & prayer teams

Worship set

s6) Close service



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upon you and be gracious to you
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