

The Aaronic Blessing and You!



Scripture

- Numbers 6:22-27

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, ‘Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace.’” “So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them.”

Other Scriptures

- Exodus 6:3
- John 10:1-23
- Isaiah 8:12-14
- John 16:33
- Ephesians 1:8;6:12
- Matthew 28:20

Main Points

- LORD-YHWH
- God is blessing us not just as Lord, which is impersonal, but in His name, YHWH.
- The Aaronic Blessing comes from God Himself.
- You are one of God’s chosen ones, those of you that belong to Jesus!
- Yevarechecha YHWY- יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה “The LORD bless thee”
- Veyishmerecha- וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ “and keep thee”
- God has blessed you, is blessing you, and will bless you, and He is protecting you.
- Ya’er YHWH Panav Elecha- יָאֵר פְּנֵי יְהוָה יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה
- Shalom (Hebrew) means peace, complete wholeness (English)
- The gift that God has given us is His own completeness, His shalom.
- : וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ Yevarechecha YHWH Veyishmerecha -“The LORD bless thee and keep thee.”
- : יָאֵר פְּנֵי יְהוָה יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה Ya’er YHWY Panav Elecha Veyichcunecha -“The LORD shine His face towards thee and be gracious unto thee”

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Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to you today to know that God desires to express blessing to His chosen ones—us? His affection was to be made known to His chosen people Israel and applies to us, His adopted ones, purchased with His own blood. How does your heart desire to respond to this expression?

2. Our God, King and Creator of the universe, stoops down and bends over to present us with the gift of His favor and protection. How does this word picture in the Hebrew word *yavarechecha* convey His love to you, and how hard is it for your mind to truly understand and receive this truth? Write about this.

3. Rabbi Schneider demonstrated and compared the Lord lifting His countenance on you to a loving and adoring Father holding his child up and gazing at him/her. As you think of this picture, how does this help bring deliverance from the tendency to believe that God merely judges and condemns?

4. Why is the shalom or complete wholeness of the Father such a valued and important gift to us?