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What is the Aaronic Blessing? What does it mean, and how does it apply to your life? Join Rabbi Schneider as he examines this special blessing verse by verse in the original Hebrew. Receive the power of God's blessing for you today.

What I love so much about this blessing is that it didn't originate with man. The words that I'll be sharing with you today, this blessing, proceeds from the very essence of God Himself. Let's begin by reading from the book of Numbers, chapter 6, starting at verse twenty-two to set the stage. Then we'll dig deeper into the various phrases, considering their application and exploring the original Hebrew words that lend color to our understanding.

Let's start, with 'Then the Lord,' or 'Then Yahweh spoke to

Moses' saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons saying, "Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them, "Yahweh bless you and keep you."

Whenever we read God's name 'LORD' in the Old Testament in capitalized letters, it translates from the original Hebrew letters *YHWH*. In the original text, instead of 'Lord,' we find the letters *YHWH* — God's personal name which is believed to be pronounced as a breathy '*Yahweh*.' It's God's covenant name. Therefore, this blessing is not from some ambiguous deity, but from a person.

God communicates with Moses using His personal name, a departure from His interactions with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who knew Him as El Shaddai, God Almighty, a title. God tells Moses, 'This name, Yahweh, is my memorial name forever.' The blessing we're examining comes from this personal, covenant God.

Returning to the text, 'Then Yahweh spoke to Moses saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons saying, "Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them, "Yahweh bless you and keep you. Yahweh make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. Yahweh 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.'

As I delve into this blessing, I'll use the original name, Yahweh, instead of 'The Lord'. This blessing is given in the name of Yahweh, making it deeply personal. 'Then Yahweh spoke to

Moses saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons saying, "Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. The first point to understand is that this blessing didn't originate from the priests. Aaron and his sons, the priests, were merely God's agents. The blessing came directly from the Lord Himself, Yahweh. He told Aaron and his sons exactly what words to use. This isn't mere wishful thinking. This blessing comes from God Himself and by faith, you can incorporate this into your life, being confident of God's love for you and His purpose for you.

So once again, the Lord said, 'Thus you shall speak to Aaron and his sons saying, "Bless the sons of Israel."' He's instructing the priests, 'This is what I want you to say over My people, over My chosen ones.' And you are one of His chosen ones if you belong to Jesus. This blessing that God has spoken over Israel, He speaks over your life today in Jesus.

We have become one, Jew and Gentile in Messiah, and the whole church is the Israel of God. In a spiritual sense, the whole church is the Israel of God, God's chosen people.

The blessing begins, 'Yahweh bless you and keep you.' It's an insight into God's purpose for you. There's favor on your life. 'The Lord bless you and keep you.' It comes from the Hebrew word 'yevarechecha,' suggesting a king stooping down to present a gift, representing love, favor, and grace. This is God's disposition towards you. The phrase 'and keep you' or 'protect you' comes from the Hebrew word 'veyishmerecha.'

This transports us back to Biblical times, picturing a shepherd corralling his sheep to protect them. Jesus said, 'I am the shepherd,' and none of His sheep have vanished or been taken away.

In a world full of danger and fear, God is saying to you, 'I am alone to be your God. Fear me alone.' He assures you of His protection. Thus, 'Yevarehchecha, the Lord bless you. Yahweh, God's name, veyishmerecha, may God protect you.' God has blessed you, He is blessing you, and He will bless you, and He is protecting you.

The Lord makes His face shine upon you. The original word 'panav elecha' means face. God's face is toward us. He looks at us with eyes full of love. His strength, His glory, His goodness, and His smile are directed towards us.

'Ya'er Yahweh panav elecha veyichunecha' translates as 'The Lord be gracious to you.' The word 'gracious' carries the idea of a king stooping down in kindness and mercy towards an inferior. God could crush us with His power, but instead, He is gentle and kind towards us. We've done nothing to deserve such kindness.

The phrase 'The Lord lifts up His face towards you' brings to mind a father proudly holding up his child, full of joy and adoration. It's hard to comprehend God feeling this way about us. We are so valuable to Him that He sent Jesus to die on the cross for us, to purchase us by His blood for the Father. God loved us before we even knew Jesus, and He sent Jesus

to die for us and bring us back to Him. He holds us up like a proud father, beaming with adoration.

Father, I pray that the entire church, myself, and all of us can understand how You feel towards us. I ask this in Jesus's name, amen.

We continue with, 'The Lord lift up His countenance on you,' then, 'and give you peace.' This peace derives from the Hebrew word 'shalom,' which signifies complete wholeness. It's not merely the absence of conflict or war. Shalom means wholeness in spirit, soul, mind, and body. This is God's desire for us, that we live in peace, walk wholly, and find completeness in Messiah Jesus.

When Jesus rose from the dead, His disciples huddled in fear, intuitive of his crucifixion. Suddenly, Jesus supernaturally appeared before them, blessing them with the Holy Spirit, and imparting 'My peace,' His shalom. The gift He offers us, His children, is His completeness, His shalom.

Jesus said, 'In the world you have tribulation, but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world. My peace I give to you.' This is not a poetic platitude or wishful thinking. This blessing emanates from the essence of God's heart. God desires that we walk confidently, believing that we are blessed and safe.

I want you to take this to heart. This is not just poetic sentimentality. It emanates from the essence of God's heart. God desires that we walk with confidence, believing that we are blessed and safe.

We must realize that we are in a battle zone. This world is a battlefield. We find ourselves wrestling against the spiritual powers of darkness. Father God wants us to trust in His love and respond to Him in faith and love when we have a choice. He desires that we reciprocate His love.

Lastly, 'And I'm giving you My peace,' God reassures us, He gives us everything we need to overcome our battles. He blesses us with His peace. When we hear and understand these words, those of us with open hearts receive something because God said that when He spoke this over His people, He'd put His name on them and bless them.

I encourage you to internalize this blessing from Numbers chapter six, verses twenty-two through twenty-seven. Take it as a reflection of how God feels about you. You don't need to doubt His love, His blessings, or His favor. It is. Believe it. Walk in it and receive it. I would encourage you also to memorize it and speak it over your loved ones, speak it over your husband, wife, and friends.

Beloved, I don't think there's anybody on the planet who has spoken this prayer over his loved ones as much as I have. I speak this over my children, over my wife, every single chance I get and by the grace of God, I've seen His blessing on their lives.

Beloved, this is Rabbi Schneider saying to you today, in Jesus' name I love you. God bless you and Shalom.



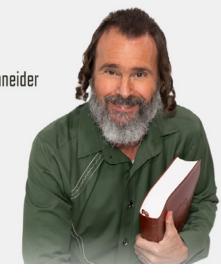
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