



The LORD Bless You

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Notes

Numbers 6:22-27 (NKJV)

²² And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³ “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, ‘This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them:

²⁴ “The **LORD** bless you and keep you;

²⁵ The **LORD** make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;

²⁶ The **LORD** lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

²⁷ “So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.”

I. The foundation of the blessing.

A) The blessing is founded on the name of God – the tetragrammaton – יהוה (**LORD**)

Psalm 8:1-2 (NKJV) LORD (יהוה, Yahweh) rather than Lord (אֲדֹנָי, 'Adonay).

To the Chief Musician. On the Instrument of Gath. A Psalm of David.

¹ O **LORD**, our **Lord**,
How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth,
Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

² Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants
You have ordained strength,

Psalm 8:1-2 (TLV)

¹For the music director, upon the Gittite lyre: a psalm of David.

²**ADONAI** our **Lord**, how excellent
is Your Name over all the earth!

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Genesis 25:8 (NKJV) – Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.

B) The blessing is founded on the trinitarian nature of God.

- Verse 24: only 3 words: blessing, LORD and keep.
- Verse 25: only 5 words: LORD, face, shine, upon & grace.
- Verse 26: only 7 words: LORD, lift up, countenance [face], on, give, to you, and peace.

Why is it significant?

1. First of all, there is a **growing** sense of the blessing – 3, 5, 7.
2. 3, 5 & 7 are all prime numbers – They are **not divisible**.

• **First line – the Father (Num. 6:24).**

Psalms 80:1 (NKJV) – Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell *between* the cherubim, shine forth!

• **Second line – the Son (Num. 6:25).**

John 14:9 (NKJV) – “He who has seen Me has seen the Father.”

Hebrews 1:3 (NKJV) – ³ who being the **brightness of His glory** and the **express image** of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews 1:3 (TLV) – This Son is the **radiance of His glory** and the **imprint** of His being....

• **Third line – the Spirit (Num. 6:26).**

Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV) – ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

C) The blessing is founded on our sanctification.

Romans 10:13 (NKJV) – For “*whoever calls* on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

1 Chronicles 23 gives the divisions of the priesthood.
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1 Chronicles 23:13 (NKJV) – The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses; and Aaron was set apart, he and his sons forever, that he should **sanctify the most holy things**, to **burn incense before the LORD**, to **minister to Him**, and to **give the blessing in His name** forever.

i) **The priests were set apart to sanctify holy things.**

2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV) – The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

John 3:16 (NKJV) – For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

God's blessings are built upon sanctification – or holiness.

ii) **The priests were to burn incense.**

Revelation 8:3-4 (NKJV) – ³ Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

⁴ And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

iii) **The priests were set apart to minister for the Lord.**

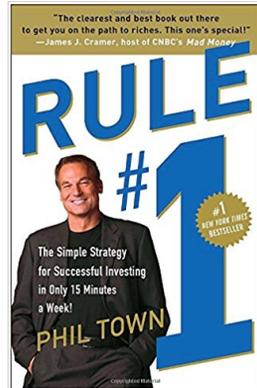
Isaiah 1:19 (NKJV) – If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land.

II. A closer look at the 3-part blessing

A) The first of the 3-Part Blessing. – HE GUARDS US.

Numbers 6:24 (NKJV) – The **LORD** bless you and keep you;

John 10:10 (NKJV) – **The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.**



Matthew 7:7-11 (NKJV) – ⁷“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

i) **God wants to keep you from poverty.**

On the **one** hand –

3 John 2 (NKJV) – Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NKJV) – For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

Proverbs 10:22 (NKJV) – The blessing of the LORD makes *one* rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.

On the **other** hand – **1 Timothy 6:6-10** (NKJV) – ⁶ Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But **those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.** ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

ii) **God also wants to keep you from death.**

John 3:16 (NKJV) – For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 10:27-28 (NKJV) – ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

John 8:51 (NKJV) – Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.

Psalms 23:4 (NKJV) – Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV) – I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

iii) **God also wants to keep you from tears.**

Revelation 21:4 (NKJV) – And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

Exodus 3:7 (NKJV) – ⁷ And the LORD said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.

Also see: Exodus 2:23; Nehemiah 9:9; Psalm 106:44; Judges 3:9, 15; 4:3; 6:6-7, etc.

iv) **God wants to keep you from stumbling.**

Jude 24 (NKJV) – Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.

B) The Second of the 3-Part Blessing. – HE ADDS TO US.

Numbers 6:25 (NKJV) – The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you.

2 Corinthians 4:6-7 (NKJV) – ⁶ For it is the God who commanded **light to shine out of darkness**, who has shone **in our hearts** to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

2 Corinthians 3:13 (TLV) – We are not like Moses, who used to put a veil over his face in order for *Bnei-Yisrael* **not to look intently upon the end of what was passing away**. (Exo.34:33-35)

Daniel 12:3 (TLV) – ¹ But at that time your people—everyone who is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake—some to everlasting life, and others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ **Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavenly expanse**. And those who turn many to righteousness will be **like the stars forever and ever**.

- **Mercy**: when you **don't get** what you **do deserve**.
- **Justice**: when you **do get** when you **do deserve**.
- **Grace**: when you **get** what you **don't deserve**.

Two kinds of grace.

Luke 2:52 (NKJV) – And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in **favor** with God and men. (favor = charis; usually “grace” as in Eph. 2:8)

Numbers 6:25 and 6:26 both mention God's face.

C) The Third of the 3-Part Blessing – HE COMPLETES US.

Numbers 6:26 (NKJV) – The **LORD** lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.

The blessing of God concludes with the PEACE of God.

Conclusion:

Luke 24:50-52 (NKJV) – ⁵⁰ And He led them out as far as Bethany, and **He lifted up His hands and blessed them**. ⁵¹ Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.