

Priests for Our God: The Aaronic Blessing

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Numbers 6:22-26

INTRO

The Aaronic Blessing was a prayer given by God Adonai to Moses for the Aaronic (tribe of Aaron) priesthood to impart over the people. When the second temple was destroyed in 70 AD, the priesthood essentially died with it. However, the Aaronic aka Priestly Blessing has lived on and been passed down through Jewish families as an integral part of the culture and faith.

If we look at what preceded the giving of the Aaronic Blessing in Numbers chapter 6, we see that there was a period of cleansing and separating the wheat from the chaff. In Numbers 5, instruction is giving for making atonement of sins through confession and restitution. In Numbers 6:1-2, God instructs those who desire to be ‘holy as the Lord God is holy’ to separate themselves **to** God: *“When a man or a woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, that is, one separated and dedicated to the Lord.”*

So Torah/teachings about defilement, adultery and separation for holiness immediately precede the Aaronic Priestly Blessing. As we have been on a journey of healing, cleansing, separating from the Egypt programs and systems within us and in the world, the Lord God Adonai has been preparing us to receive His blessings and to **BE the blesser and blessing** to others as His priests, or ministers.

The Priesthood is in Us.

Throughout God’s Word, He proclaimed a priesthood mantle would be on His people. The Apostle Peter confirmed this mantle as part of sharing the Messiah’s Gospel.

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a [special] people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies [the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9

Where did this promise come from? We see it in Exodus 19:5-6 when Moses went up to God Adonai on Mount Sinai and the LORD God said to Moses:

*“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you will be a peculiar treasure to Me above all people, for all the earth is Mine. And you will be a **kingdom of priests** to Me and a holy nation.”*

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A Kingdom of Priests for Our God.

A “*kingdom of priests*” is more than a class or tribe of priests. It is a whole people! And these priests are Ministers of our God:

“But you will be named the Priests of the LORD: they will call you the Ministers of our God: you will eat the riches of the nations and you yourselves will boast in their glory.” Isaiah 61:6

What does it mean to ‘eat the riches of the nations’ as a minister of God?

“And You made them a kingdom and priests for our God, and they will reign upon the earth.”
Revelation 5:10

What can this mean for our calling from God — to be priests for our God? Ministers of our God?

What and to whom are we ministering?

We Have Been Called to be Living Stones.

“As you have come to Him, the Living Stone, Who on the one hand has been rejected, declared useless by men, but on the other hand, chosen and honored by God, then you must, like living stones, be continually built up into a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer a spiritual offering acceptable to God through Yeshua Messiah.” 1 Peter 2:4-5

The most powerful priestly prayer in the scriptures is the Aaronic Priestly Blessing. This prayer was gifted to the Israelites whilst they were in the desert, in a time of purification, before they were allowed to enter the Promised Land.

In the Hebraic bible translation of the One New Man bible, the Aaronic Blessing uses the positive verb *will*; “*The Lord will...*”.

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Numbers 6:24-26

A person does not need to be a minister or in the priestly class to speak or administer the Aaronic Blessing! But God Adonai is bringing us a deeper revelation and anointing in this teaching.

*“Therefore we are ambassadors on behalf of Messiah
as God exhorts through us: we beg, in the name of Messiah,
that you must immediately be reconciled to God.”*

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Courts of Heaven Protocol to be Priests for Our God Adonai.

This is constructed as a protocol going before God in the Courts of Heaven. We renounce, repent and plead guilty for all transgressions and then ask God to pass judgements on our behalf.

NOTE: Before you go into the Courts of Heaven, take the time to identify your petitions and purposes, what remedies you are seeking, what in your life and family lineage requires repentance in order to be perfected in faith. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you these things before you go in to the Courts of Heaven. Often times, when you are in the Courts of Heaven, the Holy Spirit will bring other things to mind for which to repent.

1. Opening Protocol in the Courts of Heaven.

Dear Adonai, Your Word in Hebrews 4:16 speaks to me: *“Therefore let us [with privilege] approach the throne of grace [that is, the throne of God’s gracious favor] with confidence and without fear, so that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find [His amazing] grace to help in time of need [an appropriate blessing, coming just at the right moment].”*

Lord God Adonai, I therefore come before Your Throne of Mercy and Grace and ask that the courts be seated and the books be open, according to Daniel 7:10. I put on robes of righteousness as an officer in Your court and I loose the Blood of Jesus over myself so that satan and his minions have no access to me. I recognize and accept that You Lord God Adonai, have also clothed me with the garments of deliverance and covered me with the robe of acts of loving kindness according to Your Word in Isaiah 61:10.

I ask for the Holy Spirit and King Jesus Christ Yeshua to be my Holy Advocates to represent me in Your court. I give them full permission and authority to speak on my behalf.

I ask Lord God that You release Your Notification Angels, Enforcement Angels and Hosts of Heaven to all those humans and non-humans who will be affected by Your Court decisions on my behalf, to duly and immediately inform them of and enforce all of Your decisions and judgements in my case today.

2. Renounce & Repent to Remove All Legal Access.

Father God so that I may fully wear and serve in the mantle of royal priesthood for You, as Your minister, I repent on behalf of myself and all of my bloodlines back to Adam and Eve, for any and all actions, habits, beliefs, character traits and flaws that have or would block or compromise Your mantle of royal priesthood according to 1 Peter 2:9.

I Repent of Self Deprecation.

I repent, turn away from, renounce and divorce all thoughts, habits and practices of self deprecation and devaluing my true worth in You Abba Father. I repent and stop all habits of negative self-talk, low self worth and posing false humility; habits and beliefs that deny the truth that I have been made in Your image and have been called to a higher purpose and destiny in You.

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“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people that has become God’s property, so that you would proclaim the manifestation of divine power of the One Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9

I Repent of & Renounce All Defilement.

I repent of, turn away from, release and renounce all the ways that I have defiled my body, soul and identity in You Father God, including all unhealthy bodily, worldly and spiritual habits, programs, practices and beliefs that compromise my calling into Your royal priesthood.

I Repent of & Renounce All Forms of Adultery.

I repent of, turn away from, release and renounce all actions, thoughts, words, habits, character traits, unholy covenants, agreements, treaties, alliances, relationships and programs that express versions of adultery, be it in the flesh or spiritual adultery. I repent of and renounce all forms of spiritual adultery including false worship, idolatry of any kind, mixing cultural and worldly beliefs and practices in with my relationship with You Adonai, the Most High God. I repent for all the ways the Body of Christ has diluted Christianity as followers of Christ Jesus, with paganism, witchcraft and other religious and spiritual beliefs and practices. I repent for not being emotionally true to You and my spouse, for having a wondering eye and fantasizing in my mind. I repent for all the ways I have not taken responsibility for my wrong choices and actions in my life, in my marriage and in other intimate relationships. I repent for not putting You Lord God first and foremost in my life, in my relationships and in all of my life choices.

I Repent for Neglecting Shepherding.

I repent of, renounce, cancel and divorce all ungodly habits, beliefs and behaviors, unholy covenants, agreements, treaties, alliances, relationships that have kept me from being the kind of shepherd that You want and need me to be to others. I repent of neglecting my responsibilities as a watchman on the wall. I repent for allowing fear, fear of rejection or being mocked, self-consciousness, vanity, laziness and self-involvement to keep me from shepherding others in spiritual need according to *Your* will.

I Repent for Indulging Worldly Habits.

I repent for, turn away from, release and renounce all unhealthy worldly habits, behaviors and relationships that have kept me from being set apart for You, to be separate TO You. I repent of, turn away from everything that has compromised my intimacy with You and impaired my truly hearing Your voice and fully obeying what You want and need of me as Your minister, to be perfect as You are perfect according to Matthew 5:48.

3. Plead Guilty.

Father God, for everything I have repented and renounced here, I plead guilty on behalf of myself, all of my bloodlines and the Body of Christ. I present the Blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ Yeshua as atonement. I present the Voice of the Blood of Jesus which speaks “Tetelestai”, “paid in full” to clear all

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of these transgressions from my record and that of my entire lineage and my future bloodlines. Father God, I ask for redemption from the curse, by the Blood of Jesus Yeshua and ask You to break all curses and all other related demonic spirits, systems and agendas over me and my bloodlines. Let the Blood of Jesus Yeshua break all of these curses now! Colossians 2:13-15 proclaims that every case and ordinance against me has been nailed to the cross with the shed Blood of Jesus Yeshua. Let that Blood speak for me now!

4. Cleanse, Clear & Release.

Abba Father, I ask that Your Holy Spirit fill me to overflowing to purify and cleanse my whole being — body, heart and soul, and everything in me that has blocked or inhibited my being a minister, a priest for Your Kingdom, including ALL bad habits of self-doubt, insecurity, passing the buck, laziness, avoidance, procrastination and self-deprecation.

Erase all doubts and fears from the chambers of my mind and from my nervous system. Cleanse my heart, mind, soul and body of all trauma and programs incurred. Place your healing balm of Gilead into all of my places of stored habits, filters, traumas, injuries, beliefs, memories and imprints to clear them out now.

~ Pause in Silence to Receive God's Healing ~

5. Plead the Case as a Priest for Our God.

Father God, Your Word says that we are to be Your ministers, that we are a royal priesthood. I present the following scriptures to ask for Your loving hand in helping me to be a Minister of Your Kingdom.

A Song of Redemption.

- Revelations 5:9-10 says: *“And they sang a new song [of glorious redemption], saying, worthy and deserving are You to take the scroll and to break its seals; for You were slain (sacrificed), and with Your blood You purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom [of royal subjects] and **priests to our God**; and they will reign on the earth.”*
- **Father God, I accept the mantle of ‘priest to our God’ according to Your Word. Purify and sanctify me to be worthy and able to fulfill this calling always in Your perfect will, timing and ways.**
- **Father God, I offer You a new song of gratitude, love, honor and praise for ALL that You are doing to save America, for ALL that You are doing to prepare the Way of the Lord Yeshua. Help me to be a ‘priest to our God’, that I may lead others into Your heart. Halleluia!**

“A renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, [nor between nations whether] barbarian or Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and in all.”

Colossians 3:11

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- 1 Peter 2:9 proclaims: *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a [special] people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies [the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”*
- **Father God, I commit to being obedient — listening with my heart, hearing from my spirit, to Your directives to serve as Your minister; I will not be a Nadab or Abihu, Aaron’s sons who misused their priesthood mantle and were disobedient to Your ways. (Leviticus 10)**
- **Father God, consecrate me as part of Your royal priesthood to humbly, graciously minister to the hearts of men, women and children everywhere my feet are shod.**
- **Father God, we Your remnant shout from the rooftops! We marvel at Your mercy and glory! We bear witness to Your miracles, Your suddenlies, Your healing love! We ask you and thank you in the name of Yeshua for consecrating our nation as Your own possession! We thank you for the miracle ways You are taking our country out of darkness into Your marvelous light!**

Build Us as Your Spiritual House.

- 1 Peter 2:5 says: *“Then you must, like living stones, be continually built up into a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer a spiritual offering acceptable to God through Yeshua Messiah.”*
- **Abba, lift us up as Your living stones, to build the true temple of God on earth as it is in Heaven.**
- **Abba, build us Your remnant into a spiritual house that will bring shelter and sustenance to Your children, to bring them in from the cold, to shelter them from evil.**

Lord Adonai Bless Me.

- The Priestly Aaronic Blessing begins in Numbers 6:24 with: *“The Lord will bless you.”*
- **Abba, I stand on Your promise to bless me. I receive Your blessings on me, on my life and over my family. I ask You to make me a blessing to others. Make me an instrument of Your blessings. Make me a minister of Your kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Lord Adonai Keep Me.

- Numbers 6:24 continues: *“He will keep you [protect you, sustain you, and guard you].”*
- **Abba, as You place Your Shaddai protection around me, anoint me to be a protection and guardian for others, that they will experience and receive YOUR Shaddai; that we shall experience You in our midst.**

Lord Adonai Make Your Face to Shine Upon Me.

- Numbers 6:25 says: *“The Lord will make His face to shine upon you [with favor].”*
- **Father God, pour out Your favor unto me. Pour out Your Presence to minister to those that you have put on my path, so that they will surely feel Your love and ministering healing and deliverance.**

Lord Adonai Be Gracious to Me.

- Numbers 6:25 shares: *“He will be gracious to you [surrounding you with lovingkindness].”*
- **Father God, as You pour out Your graciousness to me, help me to always be gracious and a blessing to everyone on my path.**

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Lord Adonai Lift Up Your Countenance to Me.

- Numbers 6:26 promises: *"The Lord will lift up His countenance (face) upon you."*¹
- **Father God, as Your Word in the Hebrew language reveals, countenance means Your Presence (Panim); so Your promise is to carry and bear continuously Your Presence upon me. Abba, there are no words to adequately express the overwhelming gratitude, to understand that You have promised Your continual, perpetual Panim, Presence upon me.**
- **Father God, I ask that Your Panim Presence be always with me, so that others will experience and receive Your Panim Presence, and have a palpable experience of Your Kingdom; for 'the Kingdom of Heaven has come near' according to Matthew 4:17. (ONM)**

Lord Adonai Establish Your Shalom in Me.

- Numbers 6:26 continues: *"He will establish Shalom for you."*
- **Abba Father, establish me in Your Shalom that I may BE Your Shalom for others in every way that Shalom means: completeness, safety, soundness, prosperity, peace, tranquility, contentment.**

Our High Priest, Yeshua.

- Hebrews 2:17-18 says: *"For this reason He was obligated to become like His brothers in every way, so that He would also become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the things relating to God for the propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He suffered when He was tested, He is able to help those who are being tested."*
- **Abba Father, thank you for using my tests and suffering to strengthen me; to perfect me in faith, hope and love; and to prepare me to be a minister in Your Kingdom as part of Your royal priesthood.**
- **Thank you Jesus Yeshua for being my High Priest intermediary, for wiping the slate clean of everything that I have repented and renounced.**

Yeshua the High Priest is on the Throne.

- Zechariah 6:13 says: *"Yes, it is He who shall build the [ultimate] temple of the Lord, and He shall bear the honor and majesty [as the only begotten of the Father] and sit and rule on His throne. And He shall be a Priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between the two offices [Priest and King]."*
- **Father God and King Jesus Yeshua, we honor and praise You, we thank You and we Love You! Thank you for allowing me to be a part of preparing the way of the Lord, so that all the governments of the earth shall rest upon the shoulders of King Jesus Yeshua Messiah. Halleluia!**

6. Petitions.

Therefore Adonai, Just Judge, I am requesting from Your Court of Mercy and Grace the following:

- Grant me all of these petitions I have placed before You here.
- Nullify any and all contracts, covenants, agreements, relationships, hooks, cords to anything or anyone, both human and non-human, that has or would block, delay or compromise my priesthood in You.

¹ From Strong's Concordance, the Hebrew verb 'to lift up' has a rich meaning including: to marry, give, yield, to carry or bear up continuously; that is, not a singular action in time, but perpetually. In the context of this verse, that is so profound. God is offering the gift of His perpetual Presence in our lives.

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- Bring me supports, supernatural and in the natural, to have the greatest impact and service as part of Your royal priesthood, as a Minister in Your Kingdom.
- Make me an instrument of Your restoration for Your sons and daughters, according to Your Word in Proverbs 6:31.

7. Thanks and Gratitude

Let this be dedicated time to thank the Lord after all of your petitions. You may want to add blowing a shofar, playing or singing praise music, or other ways that you express thanks and praise.

- Thank you God for granting all of my petitions!
- *Revelation 5:13 proclaims: "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb (Christ), be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever!"*
- *Psalm 95:1-7 celebrates: "O come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. We come before Your presence with a song of thanksgiving. We shout joyfully to You with songs! For You Lord God are a great God and a great King above all gods, in whose hand are the depths of the earth; the peaks of the mountains are also Yours. The sea is Yours, for You made it by Your command; and Your hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker in reverent praise and prayer. For You are our God and we are the people of Your pasture and the sheep of Your hand." Halleluia!*
- To You alone be all the glory in Heaven and upon the Earth forever and ever! AMEN!!!

"For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth."

Deuteronomy 7:6