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**Numbers 6:22–27 (NKJV)**

*The Priestly Blessing*

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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.”

As the Levitical priesthood spoke this blessing over the people, it was a foreshadow of the Great High Priest . . . Jesus’ blessing that He prays over us in the garden, found in John 17.

**1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)** But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

**Numbers 6:24 (NKJV)** “The Lord bless you and keep you;

**Numbers 6:25–26 (NKJV)** 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.” ’

God promises this list: blessings, keep, grace, favor and mercy, presence and peace.

**Numbers 6:27 (NLT)** Whenever Aaron and his sons bless the people of Israel in my name, I myself will bless them.

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