

The Priestly Blessing

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Israel. Say to them':

"The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon
you, And be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance
upon you, And give you peace." '

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

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NKJ Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

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1) bless,

2) keep,

3) face shine,

4) gracious,

5) lift up,

6) peace

1) Bless by keeping

2) face shining as an outpouring of graciousness

3) lift up His Face which is peace

“This single Hebrew letter (vav) often indicates the simple conjunction “and,” but it can also be understood in a continuative sense, meaning “that is,” making the second clause of a two-clause line function as a further explanation or amplification of the initial clause.”

<http://www.torahresource.com/EnglishArticles/Aaronic%20Ben.pdf>

*The LORD bless you, that is, may He keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you, that is,
may He demonstrate His grace to you;
The LORD lift up His face upon you, that is, may
He give you true peace."*

*The LORD **ble**ss you, that is, may He keep you;*

***ble**ss = barach (ברך) - to bend the knee*

***keep** = shamar (שמר) - to guard and protect*

NKJ Psalm 5:12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

The LORD bless you, that is, may He keep you;

*The LORD make His face shine upon you, that is,
may He demonstrate His **grace** to you;*

gracious = *chanan* (חָנַן) - *to show favour*

ESV Deuteronomy 31:17

Then my anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and **hide my face** from them, and they will be devoured. And many evils and troubles will come upon them, so that they will say in that day, 'Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?'

ESV Genesis 3:8

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence (*face*) of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

paniym (פנים) - face

NKJ Exodus 33:11

So the LORD spoke to Moses **face to face**, as a man speaks to his friend.

Psalm 31:14-16

... I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! ¹⁶ **Make your face shine on your servant**; save me in your steadfast love!

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ESV Genesis 4:6

The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has **your face fallen**?"

Opposite of fallen face?



- God smiles on His people as we please Him
- When He is pleased with us, we can have an inner peace knowing that all is well between us – because -
- God does not carry a grudge, is not two-faced, and is always ready to forgive us
- When God is pleased with us and we approach His presence in prayer, there is peace in His house

Shalom in the home!



ESV Numbers 6:27

"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel,
and I will bless them."



ESV Deut. 33:10

They shall teach Jacob your rules and Israel your law (*Torah*); they shall put incense before you and whole burnt offerings on your altar.



Grant peace, welfare, blessing, grace, loving kindness and mercy to us and to all Israel your people. Bless us, O our Father, one and all, with the light of your countenance; for by the light of your countenance you have given us, O Lord our God, a Torah of life, loving kindness and salvation, blessing, mercy, life and peace. May it please you to bless your people Israel at all times and in every hour with your peace. Blessed are you, O Lord, who blesses his people Israel with peace.

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Shalom Alechim

Peace be Unto You