

A New Year's Prayer **Numbers 6:22-27**

- I. Understand God's Heart (22-23)
 - A. His Plan "Then LORD spoke to Moses, saying..." (22)
 - B. His Prerequisites "Speak to Aaron and his sons..." (23a)
 - 1. An Appointed Mediator
 - 2. An Accepted Sacrifice
 - C. His Prescription "Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them" (23b)
- II. Pray for God's Blessing (24-26)

Don't Misunderstand Num. 6:22-27

- 1. It was not for every Israelite nor for every person today.
- 2. It does not deny that God chastens His children for their disobedience.
- 3. It's not a universal promise of earthly prosperity for God's people.
- 4. It's not primarily about physical blessings but spiritual ones: God's protection, grace, and peace.
- 5. It's not a guarantee of a life without trials.

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The Peace Promised Believers

- 1. Peace with God (ls. 53:4–5; Acts 10:36; Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:14-17)
- 2. Peace of Heart (ls. 26:3; Jn. 14:27; 16:33; 20:21, 26; Phil. 4:7; 2 Th. 3:16)
- 3. Comprehensive Well-Being (Num. 6:26)

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- III. Trust God's Promises (27)

Enduring Lessons from Num. 6:22-27

- 1. It reflects God's eternal character and explains His eternal purpose for His people.
- 2. It anticipates Christ's salvation of His people (Acts 3:36).
- 3. It reminds us of Christ's continuing intercession (Lk. 24:50-51).
- 4. It provides a pattern for prayer.
- 5. It foresees the Christian blessing (2 Cor. 13:14).
- 6. It reminds us of our evangelistic duty (Ps. 67:1-2).