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**Introduction**

One of the duties of the priest is to bless the people of Israel. The Torah lays out the words of that blessing, the well-known Aaronic Benediction. This blessing is still recited by Kohanim in traditional congregations during the Days of Awe and Festivals, and often by parents to their children on Friday night as Shabbat candles are kindled.

**Numbers 6:22-27**

**22** The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup> "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, <sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. <sup>27</sup> "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." (ESV)

This passage is talking about the Aaronic Benediction, the prayer that Aaron and his sons would pray over the Children of Israel. It is a blessing of peace but one that is so important it is tied to the name of the Holy One of Israel. It has been said that the name of the Almighty was only known to the priests and when the High Priest would utter the name of the Almighty he did so only on Yom Kippur when the people were in intense prayer that they could not hear what was being said. This leads us to the place we find ourselves today. For a long time, we have had people saying we must use the name of the Holy One, and they say it is pronounced as Yahweh, while others say it Yahveh. Some say to use Lord or God is to use a pagan name and not the correct name. The Jewish people say we are not to use the actual name of God, so they use Hashem which means "the Name." We spend so much time arguing about how we are to say His name, we are forgetting about the reality that we need to connect with Him, and if we use God or Lord, we are not using His Name because these are titles not names. The Creator has many titles in the Bible because He is the Creator of all that exists and how He chooses to show Himself is His concern not ours.

We should leave it up to the Almighty and worry about more important things like our personal relationship with Yeshua because without Him what do we have? Are we saved by our use of the Name? Exactly what Name is it that we are to use? It's about our relationship with Messiah, and in turn His Father. We know that Moses knew the Father

in a way that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob did not. Moses had a personal relationship with the Creator that no one else had and knew Him in a way which we can only dream.

**Daniel 9:17** Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. (ESV)

Daniel cries out to the Holy One asking Him to listen to His prayer and his pleas of mercy. Daniel was in exile, and while the Almighty blessed Daniel, while he was there his desire was to return home to Israel. As Daniel cries out to the Almighty, he also asks Him to make His face shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate because of the exile. Daniel knows only the Holy One of Israel can bring back His people and bring back the sanctuary where the presence of the Almighty dwells amid Israel. In his prayer and plea to the Almighty, Daniel is calling upon the Holy One to bless His people Israel in the same way the priests would bless Israel with the Aaronic Benediction.

**Psalms 89:16** Happy is the people who know the joyful shout; O LORD, they walk in the light of Your presence. (TNK)

Throughout the Bible the Holy One blesses those who follow Him and have followed the path of Torah which leads the way to Messiah Yeshua. We walk down a narrow path with Him as He guides us in the way of all who have been His from the very beginning. Even though the Messiah died a little over two thousand years ago, He died from the very beginning to seal the covenant that would be put into play for the benefit of all of mankind. How did He do this? He is the Son of the Highest, and He can accomplish whatever He wills because it was through the Son the Father created everything there is by Him and for Him.

So, while the High Priest would bring the Holy One's blessing by placing the Name of the Almighty upon His people, we need to keep in mind what Yeshua has accomplished in bringing a renewed love for the Father and the blessing He brings to His children.

### **Judges 13:15-18**

**15** Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, "Please let us detain you and prepare a young goat for you." <sup>16</sup> And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "If you detain me, I will not eat of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, then offer it to the LORD." (For Manoah, did not know that he was the angel of the LORD.) <sup>17</sup> And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, "What is your name, so that, when your words come true, we may honor you?" <sup>18</sup> And the angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?" (ESV)

As Aaron blessed the Children of Israel by the Name of the Holy One, here in the book of Judges we see Manoah asking for the name of the angel of the Lord. The angel refuses to give his name and tells Manoah to bring a burnt offering to the Almighty. Yet, we are told that Manoah did not know it was an angel of the Almighty but wanted to know the

angel's name so they could honor him when his words happened. The angel responds telling Manoah that His Name is Wonderful leading us right into prophecy in Isaiah 9:5.

**Isaiah 9:5** For a child has been born to us, A son has been given us. And authority has settled on his shoulders. He has been named "The Mighty God is planning grace; The Eternal Father, a peaceable ruler" -- (TNK)

This is the prophecy about Yeshua, yet the sages say it is not talking about Him. It amazes me the lengths they are willing to go to refuse to accept Yeshua as the promised Messiah of Israel. He is all over the Tanach. He is in the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings. He is revealed in the Apostolic Scriptures, but He is revealed as well in the Tanach if you allow the Ruach HaKodesh to show you the way. Give yourself over to the Creator's Spirit, and He will open up your eyes, your heart, and your mind to the truth.

**Genesis 32:29** Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. (ESV)

Once more we see man wanting to know the name of an angel or possibly the Son of the Almighty. Why does He hide His Name to most of those who ask about Him? Maybe it is because He knows that all honor, glory, and worship belong to the Father, and it was the father that brought everything there is into existence who gave us the gift of redemption that offers us eternal life through His Son Yeshua. The Son serves the Father, and the Father honors His Son and loves Him beyond measure. It is a love that He extends to us if we want it. It brings us into a more intimate relationship with the Father through His Son. Many believe the Name of the Father needs to be seen in the Name of the Son. So, what they do is to take Yeshua and turn it into Yahshua to bring in Yah, which is the singular form for the Father's Name, but He instructs us to address Him as Yahveh. In Hebrew, Yeshua is pronounced as Yeshua, not Yahshua. So, we need to stop trying to make what the Creator has given to us into something we want to manipulate. Why is it we can't accept the truth for what it is?

Why do we have to pick fights about things that at face value are inconsequential? Yes, a name identifies someone so we know who it is we are talking to or about, but if we do not have something nice to say about someone, then we should not say anything at all unless it is to warn someone about an individual because it may hurt them in their walk as they grow in their understanding of this faith the Father gives to us instead of a religion.

### **1 John 5:19-20**

**19** We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.  
<sup>20</sup> And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Yeshua the Messiah. He is the true God and eternal life. (ESV)

Yeshua is God in the understanding that He is the only begotten Son of the Father; so therefore, as His Only Son, He inherits everything the Father has, and the most important aspect of that is the Father is the Eternal One, so in turn the Son is as well. The Father

called out His Son to redeem mankind before we were created. That is an amazing concept to try to wrap your head around. It is just as amazing to try to understand how one can be three, and three can be one. Is the Almighty a singular Being or more than one? Is the idea of a plural God something invented by Christianity or a Jewish concept passed on to people who did not comprehend this Biblical truth? The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are Yahveh, Yeshua and the Ruach. God is both Spirit and flesh as manifested in Yeshua, His Son. God is a plurality but a unique Being who is also one. What if, to help us to understand the nature of the Godhead, that the Father revealed Himself as three Beings who work together as one because they are one who are revealed to us as three. Twist your head around that, people!

What is the reality shown to us by the Father in His Son Yeshua? Yeshua is the One we can see in this world because the Father is Spirit and dwells, for now, in heaven waiting for the time when He will come to the earth to be with His Son and rule for all eternity. Finally, the truth about God will be revealed, and we will have no problem in understanding His nature because it is quite possible that we will be part of that being who created us? Of course, I am speculating here, so everything is open for discussion except for the fact that to walk with Messiah, we must have faith in Him and walk out Torah in our lives. Will we make mistakes in this walk? Yes, we will! What do we do? Will this keep us out of His kingdom? All I know is we have to keep on trying to do the best we can do, and if we slip and slide along the way, we just pick ourselves up and call out to Him who will help us along the path – the journey that will bring us to Him, who will stand before the Father with us and tell Him, “Father, this one is mine!”

***Torah Man says: “You teach little by what you say, but you teach most by what you are.”***

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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