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Old Ways

Priestly blessing is an old thing
as they funnel Power through their hands,
one single sacrament surviving.

Moderns do not like this
antique blessing, or
covenant's blood, or
buying back first-born.

Things from that stark past,
shofar's screech,
Abraham's offering,
Moses' flint.

An old people,
we have done it our way,
perhaps, sometimes, His way,
despite all.

His imperative
overwhelming,
demanding,
commanding.

Absolute.

