

Jehovah-Shalom

“The Lord is Peace”

Judges 6:11-23

Judges 6:23-24 And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it **The LORD is Peace** (*Jehovah-Shalom*).

11. The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. 12. When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "**The LORD is with you**, mighty warrior." 13. "But sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian." 14. The LORD turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" 15. "But Lord," Gideon asked, "*How can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.*" 16. The LORD answered, "**I will be with you**, and you will strike down all the Midianites together." 17. Gideon replied, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. 18. Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you." And the LORD said, "I will wait until you return." 19. Gideon went in, prepared a young goat, and from an ephah of flour he made bread without yeast. Putting the meat in a basket and its broth in a pot, he brought them out and offered them to him under the oak. 20. The angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And Gideon did so. 21. With the tip of the staff that was in his hand, the angel of the LORD touched the meat and the unleavened bread. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the LORD disappeared. 22. When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the LORD, he exclaimed, "Ah, Sovereign LORD! I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!" 23. But the LORD said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." 24. So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it **The LORD is Peace** (*Jehovah-Shalom*). To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

(ie) Story of Gideon – Judges 6

I. Jehovah is with you. – Judges 6:12, 16 “I will be with you.”

II. Jehovah-Shalom – Judges 6:23-24 The Lord is Peace, Is 9:6
(ie) the sacrifice accepted – peace offering – clean heart O God

III. Jerub-baal – let Baal plead, defend self. Gideon's new name - Judges 6:32

A new confidence in the Lord. – Steadfast heart

Isaiah 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

Peace Defined

- (ie) Peace defined – cessation of hostilities, absence of conflict, state of inner calm
- (ie) Scripture and Peace, Prince of Peace, My peace I leave you (400 Times in Bible)
- (ie) God is God in the crucible of crisis – He introduces his name.
- (ie) Painting of the tempest
- (ie) Jewish Peace – **Shalom Aleichem! Shalom Aleichem!**

(ie) Story of Gideon – Judges 6

I. Issue of the Heart

“Peace I give you, not as the world gives.”

Peace through the blood of the everlasting covenant.

- (ie) Peace With God – Billy Graham (war)
- (ie) Frederick White, Peace with God. God is angry. We are saved from his wrath. We are at war with God. They are enemies of the cross.
- (ie) Gene Smillie’s testimony of reading in a library and coming across Billy Graham’s book Peace with God.
- (ie) Don Richardson’s *Peace Child*

Peace With God

Peace of God

Peace Through God

Colossians 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

I John 1:9 Cleansed! Made whole – made at peace.

(ie) **What God Has Done** With My Sin

II. Issue of the Head

“*The Lord is with you.*” Not against you. He is for you.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

(ie) **What God says** about you.

III. Issue of the Hand

“*The Lord is with you.*” Go therefore... Jerubbaal new name. Mighty Warrior. I will be with you. I will never leave you nor forsake you. I will hold your hand.

Isaiah 41:13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

(ie) Story of “It is Well.”

Scriptures

Exodus 34:5-6 – Seven Perfections of God’s Character

5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. 6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. 8 And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 6:24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: 25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: 26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. 27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

Numbers 7:17- your peace offerings.

Numbers 25:12 Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace:

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 26:3-4 "Thou wilt keep him (her) in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he (she) trusteth in thee. Trust in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord GOD is everlasting strength".

Isaiah 53:5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah "In quietness and

Not Known

Isaiah 48:18 O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

Isaiah 48:22 *There is no* peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

Isaiah 59:8 The way of peace they know not; and *there is* no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Romans 5:1 ¶ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Ephesians 2:14 For **he is our peace**, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;

Ephesians 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, **so making peace**;

Ephesians 2:17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Colossians 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Romans 15:33 Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

Romans 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

JEWISH PEACE

Shalom Aleichem!

The table is set with the finest china, crystal, and silver. (When it comes to Shabbat, nothing is saved for a special occasion, for this is the special occasion!) Those who went to shul have now returned, and the room is filled with the warm sounds of Good Shabbos greetings. Everyone is invited to the table, as we begin the meal with song.

Shalom Aleichem! -- the traditional greeting used when two Jews meet, and the name of the song that begins the Shabbat meal Friday night. Shalom Aleichem -- May peace be upon you. The appropriate response is "**Aleichem shalom**".

Shalom ... peace ... from the Hebrew word shalem, which means complete.

On the most basic level, by singing this song, we are asking God to bless our home with peace; that there should be no conflict between friends or family, especially on Shabbat.

The Midrash says that when a person comes homes from shul (Yiddish for school) on Friday night, he is accompanied by two angels -- a good angel and a bad angel. If the table is beautifully set and there is a peaceful atmosphere in the home, then the good angel says, So may it be next week, and the bad angel is forced to say, Amen -- so may it be! But if the house is a mess (both physically and emotionally), then the bad angel says, So may it be next week, and the good angel is forced to say, Amen!

(The term "midrash" also can refer to a compilation of Midrashic teachings, in the form of legal, exegetical or homiletical commentaries on the Tanakh (Jewish Bible).

Yet on another level, we are asking for completeness: that we should truly feel that we lack nothing -- that the world is complete on Shabbat. We sit back in awe at this revelation. Our weekday work is done.

The only work now is the work of Shabbat, which is something much deeper and often much harder to attain -- that is working on oneself, on real completeness, the achievement of a more ideal sense of self.

On Shabbat, one is no longer split. During the week there is the working you, the family you, the day-to-day you. But on Shabbat you are focused, with everything in harmony: family, learning, joy of life...

Shalom Aleichem!

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In the dark of the midnight,
Have I oft hid my face;
While the storm howls above me,
And there's no hiding place;
'Mid the crash of the thunder,
Precious Lord, hear my cry;
"Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by."

'Til the storm passes over,
'Til the thunder sounds no more;
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,
Hold me fast, let me stand,
In the hollow of Thy hand;
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Many times Satan whispers,
"There is no need to try;
For there's no end of sorrow,
There's no hope by and by";
But I know Thou art with me,
And tomorrow I'll rise;
Where the storms never darken the skies.

'Til the storm passes over,
'Til the thunder sounds no more;
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,
Hold me fast, let me stand,
In the hollow of Thy hand;
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

When the long night has ended,
And the storms come no more,
Let me stand in Thy presence.
On that bright, peaceful shore.
In that land where the tempest
Never comes, Lord may I
Dwell with Thee when the storm passes by.

'Til the storm passes over,
'Til the thunder sounds no more;
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,
Hold me fast, let me stand,
In the hollow of Thy hand;
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Hold me fast, Let me stand,
In the hollow of Thy hand;
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

'Til the storm passes by.

Peace With God – Billy Graham

I. Peace with God

First, peace with God. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5: 1). "Having made peace through the blood of his cross . . ." (Colossians 1: 20). There is a peace that you can have immediately — peace with God.

The greatest warfare going on in the world today is between mankind and God. People may not realize that they're at war with God. But if they don't know Jesus Christ as Savior, and if they haven't surrendered to Him as Lord, God considers them to be at war with Him. That chasm has been caused by sin. The Bible says that all have "sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "Oh," people say, "I have joined the church. I have been baptized." But has Jesus come to live in their hearts? Not only as Savior, but as Lord?

It would be the greatest tragedy if I didn't tell you that unless you repent of your sins and receive Christ as your Savior, you are going to be lost.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever [that "whosoever" is you] believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). It's not just head-belief. It's heart-belief too. It's total trust, total commitment. We bring everything to the cross where the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins. He made peace with God by His death on the cross. If we turn our backs on Him, and don't commit our lives to Him, we will have no hope in the future.

For one to have peace with God, it cost the blood of His Son. "With the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot," said Peter (1 Peter 1:19). If I were the only person in all the world, Jesus would have died for me, because He loves me. And He loves you! His love is pouring out from the cross.

"Meet Me in Heaven"

I read a biography of Queen Victoria, and I learned that the queen would sometimes go to the slums of London. She went into one home to have tea with an older lady, and when the queen rose to leave, she asked, "Is there anything I can do for you?" And the woman said, "Yes, ma'am, Your Majesty, you can meet me in heaven." The queen turned to her and said softly, "Yes. I'll be there, but only because of the blood that was shed on the cross for you and for me." Queen Victoria, in her day the most powerful woman in the world, had to depend on the blood of Christ for her salvation. And so do we. The Bible says that God is the Author of peace (1 Corinthians 14:33). God provided salvation through the cross. He made peace by the shedding

of His blood. The war that exists between you and God can be over quickly, and the peace treaty is signed in the blood of His Son Jesus Christ.

Are you at peace with God? Or do the sins of your heart separate you from God?

I Am Secure In Christ and Satan Cannot Harm Me

Choose four Scripture passages from each category and commit it to memory to use in prayer.

I Am Accepted

Zech 3:2 I am a brand plucked out of the fire

John 1:12 I am a child of God by faith in Jesus Christ

John 15:15 I am Christ's friend, he calls me by name, and my name is written in heaven

Romans 5:1 I have been justified freely by his grace, therefore I have peace with God

Romans 8:17 I am a heir of God, joint-heir with Christ (Galatians 4:7)

I Cor 6:19, 20 I have been bought and paid for by Christ, redeemed from the hand of the enemy

Eph 1:1 I am included with the saints (Acts 10:15 what God cleansed is not common or unclean)

Eph 1:5 I have been adopted into God's family

Eph 2:6 I have been seated with Christ in heavenly places above Satan's power

Eph 2:18 I have direct access to God

Col 1:13 I have been translated into the kingdom of God's dear son

Col 1:14 I have been redeemed to God and forgiven

I Am Secure

Romans 8:1-2 I am not condemned before the throne

Romans 8:28 I know all things work together for me because I am called to his purpose

Romans 8:31 I am free of all accusations of the enemy. No one lays any charge on God's elect

Romans 8:35 I cannot be separated from God's love by anything

2 Cor 1:20-22 I have been sealed by God

Col 3:3 I am hidden with Christ in God

Phil 1:6 I am confident God will complete the work he began in me

Phil 3:20 I am a citizen of heaven

2 Tim 1:7 I have been given a sound mind

Hebrews 4:16 I have boldness before the throne of God

1 John 5:18 I am born of God, and the evil one cannot touch me.

I Am Significant

Mat 5:13-14 I am salt and light in this world

John 15:1, 5 I am a branch on the True Vine

John 5:16 I have been chosen to bear fruit that remains

Acts 1:8 I am a witness to the reality of Christ

1 Cor 3:16 I am a temple of the Holy Spirit who dwells in me

2 Cor 6:1 I am God's co-worker

2 Cor 5:20 I am an ambassador for Christ

Eph 2:6 I am God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus

Eph 2:10 I can approach God with freedom and confidence

Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Heb 4:16 I can come boldly to the throne of Grace to find mercy and grace to help

1 John 4:4 I have Christ in me. Greater is he in my than he who is in the world.

Jude 1:24 I am presented faultless before God's throne

WHAT GOD DID WITH YOUR SINS!

1. Paid in full - Romans 5:11 / Isaiah 53:6
2. Forgiven/pardoned – 1 John 1:9
3. Laid on him – Isaiah 53:6
4. Washed whiter than snow – Isaiah 1:18
5. Covered – Psalm 32:1
6. Cleansed by blood of Jesus – Hebrews 9:22/ 10:4
7. Blotted out – Isaiah 44:22
8. Removed as far as east from west – Psalm 103:12
9. Cast in depths of sea – Micah 7:19
10. Forgotten forever – Jeremiah 31:34

My Anchor Holds

Though the angry surges roll
On my tempest-driven soul,
I am peaceful, for I know,
Wildly though the winds may blow,
I've an anchor safe and sure,
That can evermore endure.

And it holds, my anchor holds;
Blow your wildest then, O gale,
On my bark so small and frail:
By his grace I shall not fail,
For my anchor holds, my anchor holds.

Mighty tides about me sweep,
Perils lurk within the deep,
Angry clouds o'ershade the sky,
And the tempest rises high;
Still I stand the tempest's shock,
For my anchor grips the Rock.

I can feel the anchor fast
As I meet each sudden blast,
And the cable, though unseen,
Bears the heavy strain between;
Through the storm I safely ride,
Till the turning of the tide.

Troubles almost 'whelm the soul;
Griefs like billows o'er me roll;
Tempters seek to lure astray;
Storms obscure the light of day:
But in Christ I can be bold,
I've an anchor that shall hold.