

JEHOVAH SHALOM

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I. THE STORY OF GIDEON (Judges 6-8)

A. Background

1. Israel had come out of Egypt by Moses; they entered the land of Canaan by Joshua; but failed to take full possession of the land.
2. Judges = God appointed and anointed individuals to military lead the nation; they delivered Israel from their enemies.
3. There are six apostrophes in this book. In each apostasy there is an order of structure that we can see, it goes like this:
 - a. Sin = They would fall into idolatry, serve the gods of the land.
 - b. Suffering = "and the Lord will deliver them over into ...the hands of their enemies.
 - c. Supplication = "and they cried unto the Lord," and repent from their sin.
 - d. Salvation = God would raise up deliverers (Judges) for them.
4. Gideon is the fifth Judge (Deliverer) to lead the nation of Israel.

B. Story of Gideon

1. The anguish (6:1-10) they are oppressed by the Midianites for seven years.
2. Gideon is fighting for survival - (6:11)
3. The angel of the Lord gives him a personal prophetic word (6:12)
"God is with you;" - "valiant warrior"
4. Gideon's complaint (6:12-13)
5. Gideon commissioned (6:14)
6. Gideon's protest (6:15-17)
his inferiority - 6:15 "I am least"

his challenge of unbelief - 6:17 "show me a sign"
7. Confirmation given (6:17-21)
The meal - Gideon goes home and prepares a meal for the angel.

The miracle - when the angel touches the meal with his staff, fire flames up and consumes the food, and the angel vanishes from sight.
8. Gideon builds an altar (22-24)

22 Gideon cries out "Alas, O Lord GOD! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face."

23 The LORD said to him, "Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die."

24 Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and named it The LORD is Peace.

C. Definition of Jehovah Shalom

Jdg 6:21-24 Then the angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. Then the angel of the LORD vanished from his sight. 22 When Gideon saw that he was the angel of the LORD, he said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face." 23 The LORD said to him, "Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die." 24 Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and named it The LORD is Peace.

Jehovah Shalom is the title of the Lord (altar of the Lord).

Gideon is terrified (v-22), God says "Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die."

Jehovah = I will be all you need Me to be when you need Me to be it
Shalom = peace;

The Hebrew word for "peace" (shalom) is the most prominent word for "peace."

Shalom (peace) means more than freedom from (cessation of) fear, conflict or hostilities.

Shalom has a wide range of English interpretations including:
wholeness, security, salvation, prosperity, health, well-being, and faith in the face of conflict.

Jehovah was PEACE to Gideon, even before the battles began.

II. THE LORD IS PEACE

A. The blood of the cross brings peace with God

Eph 2:13-15 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,

Col 1:20-22 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. 21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, 22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach --

Isa 53:5 ...the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, ...

Isa 57:19 ...Peace, peace to him who is far and to him who is near, ...

Isa 66:12 ...Behold, I extend peace to her like a river ...

B. Salvation brings peace (reconciliation) with God.

Ro 5:1 having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ro 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Jn 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

Ps 85:9-10 Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land. 10 Lovingkindness and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Isa 57:19 Creating the praise of the lips. Peace, peace to him who is far and to him who is near," says the LORD, "and I will heal him."

Jer 33:9 ... all the good and all the peace that I make for it.

Hag 2:9 "The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former," says the LORD of hosts, "and in this place I will give peace," declares the LORD of hosts."

C. Jesus is our peace

Eph 2:14 He Himself is our peace

Isa 9:6 ... And His name will be called ... Prince of Peace.

Mic 5:4-5 ... "This One will be our peace."

Eph 2:14 For He Himself is our peace

1. He broke down the barrier of dividing wall (Eph 2:14-19) between God and man.
The veil was rent (Mat 27:51) from top to bottom.
Our certificate of debt was canceled (Col 2:13-14).
2. He brings his near to Him (Eph 2:13-14; 6:15; Heb 7:2).
3. He gave us access to the Father (Eph 2:18; 3:12).
Heb 10:19-20 the blood of Jesus gives us confidence to enter His presence

D. The finished work of Christ established peace for us.

Isa 26:12 LORD, You will establish peace for us, since You have also performed for us all our works.

Jn 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

(See also Isa 32:15-18; 52:7; 55:12; 16:17; 66:12; Ps 72:7-8; Nah 1:15; Zec 8:12; 9:10; Lk 1:79; 19:38)

III. THE PROMISE OF PEACE

A. Peace is tied closely to the notion of covenant

1. Shalōm (peace) is harmony and communion between the two covenant partners; God and man

Num 6:24-26 The LORD bless you, and keep you; 25 The LORD make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; 26 The LORD lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace.'

Isa 54:10 "For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, but My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, and My covenant of peace will not be shaken," says the LORD who has compassion on you.

2. The presence of peace signified God's blessing in the covenant relationship

Mal 2:5 (covenant with Levi) was one of life and peace

Nm 25:12 this covenant (Levi's perpetual priesthood) of peace was given because of Phinehas's action.

3. The absence of peace (the breakdown of relationship) was due to Israel's disobedience and unrighteousness (Jer 16:5, 10-13; Ps 85:9-11; Is 32:17).

4. Promise of the New Covenant – is a covenant of peace - His covenant results in peace.
Ezek 37:26 "I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant ...
(See also Ezek 34:24-25; Jer 33:6)

B. Peace greetings and salutations

Christian understanding of "peace" altered the content of the common greeting, "go in peace," was spoken in Christian greetings and salutations. It was no longer a mere "wish" for peace; but was a reminder of the messianic gifts available in the present time through Christ to the person of faith.

In 18 of the 22 epistles begins with a greeting of peace:

(Rom 1:7; 1 Cor 1:3; 2 Cor 1:2; Gal 1:3; Eph 1:2; Phil 1:2; Col 1:2; 1 Thes 1:1; 2 Thes 1:2; 1 Tim 1:2; 2 Tim 1:2 Titus 1:4; Philem 3; 1 Pt 1:2 2 Pt 1:2; 2 Jn 3; Jude 2; Rev 1:4)

And some epistles ended with a salutation of peace.

(Gal 6:16; Eph 6:23; Phil 4:9)

C. Peace is a gift or blessing of God

Peace is not ultimately the outcome of human endeavor, but is a gift or blessing of God.

Ps 29:11 The LORD will bless His people with peace
(1 Ki 2:33; Job 25:2; Ps 85:8; Is 45:7).

Lev 26:6 I will give you peace in the land

Isa 66:12 I will extend peace to her like a river

Ps 4:8 in peace I will lie down and sleep

Lk 1:79 He will guide our feet in the way of peace

Prov 3:2 length of days and peace they will add to you ();

D. God (is a God of) of peace

Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, ...

(Judg 6:24; Rom 15:33; 16:20; 1 Cor 14:33; 2 Cor 13:11; Phil 4:9; Heb 13:20)

2 Thes 3:16 the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance.

Isa 9:6 his name will be Prince of Peace

God gives peace:

in the storm of battle

Ps 55:18 He will redeem my soul in peace from the battle which is against me,
in your borders

Ps 147:14 He makes peace in your borders; He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat.
To the steadfast of mind

Isa 26:3 "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You.

E. Peace with God

Acts 10:36-37 Peter preached the “peace with God through Jesus, the Messiah”
(Job 22:21; Rom 5:1)

Ez 37:26 I will make an everlasting covenant of peace with them

Eph 2:14 He is our peace (Mic 5:5)

Eph 2:17 He preached peace to those far away and to those near (Isa 57:19)

Eph 6:15 (feet shod with) the gospel of peace ((Nah 1:15)

Lk 19:38 peace among men with whom He is pleased (Lk 2:14)

Ps 85:8 God speaks peace to His people

Jn 20:19 Jesus speaks peace (Jn 20:21, 26)

F. What peace is not

The nature of this gift of peace brought by Jesus may be easier to explain by stating what it is not.

It is not an end to tension, an absence of warfare, domestic tranquility, nor anything like the worldly estimation of peace (Lk 12:51-53; Jn 14:27; 16:32, 33).

Its presence may, on the contrary, actually disturb existing relations, being a dividing “sword” in familial relations (Mt 10:34-37).

G. Peace comes from God's word

Ps 119:165 Those who love Your law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble.
(Prov 3:1-2; 13- 17)

Lev 26:6 Peace is promised to those who obey God's word.

H. Peace is a fruit of:

The Spirit of God

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

The new creation life

Gal 6:15-16 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

The kingdom of God

Rom 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

I. The exercise of peace

This gift of peace (or reconciliation with God) made available through Christ, places an ethical demand on the Christian; it calls for the exercises of “peace.”

We are to:

2 Cor 13:11 live in peace;

2 Pt 3:14 be diligent to be found by Him in peace, ...

Eph 4:3 be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 6:15 having shod your feet with the gospel of peace

Phil 4:6-7 let the peace of God guard your heart

Col 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,

1 Thes 5:23 Let the peace of God sanctify you (2 Thes 3:16)

Peace is to be **the goal** of the Christian's dealings with others (as reconciliation between persons) within the church (Rom 12:18; 14:19; Heb 12:14),

Peace is that which marks one's identity as a "child of God" (Mt 5:9).

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