

The God of Peace



EVANGELISM SERIES PART 21

JUDGES 6:11-27



“5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. 9 Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. 11 And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. 12 As you enter the house, greet it. 13 And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.”

MATTHEW 10:5-13

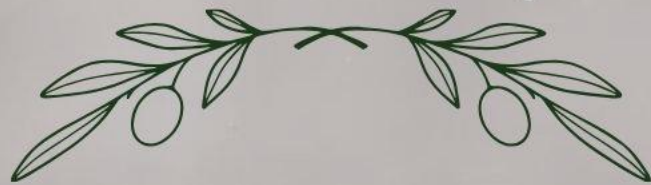


“5 Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ 6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you.”

LUKE 10:5-6



A Season of Peace



THE GOD OF PEACE
A PERSON OF PEACE
HOUSEHOLDS OF PEACE
THE PRINCE OF PEACE
PEACE AMIDST CONFLICT



“27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

JOHN 14:27



Peace

Hebrew - Shalom

Used 230+ times in OT

signifies a sense of well-being and harmony both within and without; perfect completeness, wholeness, and unity – especially as it relates to Yahweh



Shalom means or is used...	Scripture Reference Examples
To signify the peace of death or the passing of God's people	Ge 15:15; Ex 18:23; 1Ki. 2:6; 2Ki. 22:20
As the equivalent or close synonym for "prosperity" in a material sense	Ps 72:3ff.; Isa. 54:13
The gift of God	Isa. 66:12; Jer. 33:6ff
A blessing from God	1 Ki. 2:33; Ps 29:11; 85:8; Prov 3:17; Isa. 52: 7; 53:7; Jer. 28:9; Nah. 1:15; Hag. 2:9
There is no peace for the wicked	Isa. 48:22; 57:21
The withdrawal of peace is seen as a curse	Jer. 16:5; Lam. 3:17; Eze. 7:5; 13:16

Shalom means or is used...	Scripture Reference Examples
The fruit of righteousness	Isa. 32:17
In greetings and benedictions and still used in Israel today to convey "may all things be prosperous and well with you"	Ge 43:23; Jdg 6:23; Isa. 57:19; Ex 4:18; Num. 6:26; Jdg 18: 6; 1Sa. 20:42; 2Ki. 5:19
To describe relationships - person to person, nation to nation, God to humans	Ge 34:21; Dt 2:26, Josh 10:21, 1Ki 4:24, 5:12; Ps 85:8, Jer 16:5
To describe the absence of military conflict	Dt 20:10; Jdg 4:17; 1Ki. 2:5; 4:24; Ec 3: 8; Isa. 39: 8. Isa. 9:7
General safety from harm or fear	2 Sa 18:29, 32; Job 21:9

“In Hebrew peace is never only a negative state; it never means only the absence of trouble; in Hebrew peace always means everything which makes for a man's highest good. In the east when one man says to another, Salaam—which is the same word—he does not mean that he wishes for the other man only the absence of evil things; he wishes for him the presence of all good things. In the Bible peace means not only freedom from all trouble; it means enjoyment of all good.”

WILLIAM BARCLAY



Peace

Greek - Eirēnē

Used 92 times in NT

Refers to the state of untroubled, undisturbed tranquility despite the circumstances in which we find ourselves; to bind, or weave together, the ability to hold it together no matter the state of things around us



“And the way of peace they have not known.”

ROMANS 3:17



JUDGES 6:11-27



“11 Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezerite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. **12** And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor.” **13** And Gideon said to him, “Please, my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.” **14** And the LORD turned to him and said, “Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?” **15** And he said to him, “Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.” **16** And the LORD said to him, “But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.”



17 And he said to him, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me. **18** Please do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my present and set it before you.” And he said, “I will stay till you return.” **19** So Gideon went into his house and prepared a young goat and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the terebinth and presented them. **20** And the angel of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them.” And he did so. **21** Then the angel of the LORD reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes. And fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. And the angel of the LORD vanished from his sight.



22 Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the LORD. And Gideon said, “Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face.” **23** But the LORD said to him, “Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die.” **24** Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and called it, **The LORD Is Peace**. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites. **25** That night the LORD said to him, “Take your father's bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it **26** and build an altar to the LORD your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then take the second bull and offer it as a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down.” **27** So Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had told him. But because he was too afraid of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night.



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JOHN 14:27



“2 May grace and **peace** be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence”

1 PETER 2:2-3



“Great peace have those who love your law;
nothing can make them stumble.”

PSALM 119:165



“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.”

ISAIAH 26:3



“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way....”

2 THESSALONIANS 3:16

