

Jehovah - Shalom The Lord Is My Peace

The Names of God, Part 5
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Last week we learned that Jehovah-Nissi (The Lord my banner) the God who gives us victory over the schemes of the enemy. As we rally round God as an army gathers round its standard, God leads us to victory. “*Jehovah-nissi*,” is the grateful acknowledgment of the One to whom the glory of our victories is due. Our hope is in no other.

This week we will learn about Jehovah-Shalom, the God who gives peace to those who will hear and act on His word. Peace for every situation, peace eternal.

4.) Jehovah– Shalom, The Lord is peace

יהוה שָׁלוֹם: *yehôvâh shâlôm*, Jehovah-shalom = “Jehovah is peace” the name of a sacred altar built by Gideon in Ophrah.

Shalom = completeness, soundness, welfare, peace

- a) safety, soundness (in body)
- b) welfare, health, prosperity
- c) peace, quiet, tranquility, contentment
- d) peace, friendship (1) of human relationships (2) with God especially in covenant relationship

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, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Peace calms our fears and encourages faith

During the time of Gideon, the Israelites were oppressed by the Midianites. There are many lessons that can be learned that will help us in our struggles today.

- **Gideon’s fear: Judges 6:11** 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.
- **Gideon’s call: Judges 6:12** When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, “The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.”
- **Gideon’s skepticism: Judges 6:13-16** “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.”

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- **Gideon's peace: Judges 6:16, 23-24** The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together." ²³But the LORD said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." ²⁴So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.
- **Jehovah-Shalom and our call: John 14:27 (JNT)** "What I am leaving with you is *shalom*—I am giving you my *shalom*. I don't give the way the world gives. Don't let yourselves be upset or frightened.

Within every believer is a *shalom* (which means not only "peace" but also "health, wholeness, integrity"; see Mt 10:12N) that comes from God himself. It is not a self-satisfied false peace that ignores suffering, but a compassionate peace that longs for God's *shalom* to be present with everyone and motivates action to help bring it about. —*The Jewish New Testament Commentary*

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 20:21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Praise be to Jehovah Shalom who gives His blessing even to those who have struggled with doubt and unbelief.

John 20:26-27 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

How can we receive the peace of Jehovah?

- **Those who love God: Romans 5:1** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Col. 1:20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

1 Peter 1:2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Isaiah 48:22 "There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."

How do we maintain the peace of Jehovah?

- **Love the Word of God: Psalm 119:165 (TLB)** Those who love your laws have great peace of heart and mind and do not stumble.
- **Listen to the Lord: Psalm 85:8** I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.
- **Live out what the Bible says: Philip. 4:9** Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.
- **Put your thoughts and trust in the Lord: Isaiah 26:3-4** You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. ⁴Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal.

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Romans 8:6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- **Don't worry, pray: Philippians 4:6-7 (TLB)** Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. ⁷If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus.

- **Let the peace of the Lord direct your life: Colossians 3:15** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

βραβεύω brabeuō, Rule: 1) to be an umpire, 2) to decide, determine, 3) to direct, control

1 Cor. 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

- **Believe God for increase: 2 Peter 1:2** Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

Jude 1:2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

A blessing to be given to others

Matt. 10: 11-13 (JNT) “When you come to a town or village, look for someone trustworthy and stay with him until you leave. ¹²When you enter someone's household, say, ‘*Shalom aleikhem!*’ ¹³If the home deserves it, let your *shalom* rest on it; if not, let your *shalom* return to you. (compare Luke 10:5-6)

Shalom aleikhem. The word “*shalom*” means not only “peace” but also tranquility, safety, well-being, welfare, health, contentment, success, comfort, wholeness and integrity. “*Shalom aleikhem*” means “Peace be upon you” and is a common greeting, as is simply “*Shalom!*” Thus there is a deeper meaning to Yeshua's instruction in v. 13 on when to give or withhold *shalom*, for he refers not only to the greeting but to the whole complex of peace/wholeness/well-being that the Messiah offers through his *talmidim*—and similarly at many places in the New Testament.

—*The Jewish New testament Commentary*

Romans 1:7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 1:3 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ



2 Thes. 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

Numbers 6:24-26 “The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

Next week we will look at **Jehovah-Rapha** “The Lord our healer”