

The Secret for Peace Revealed

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Peace - shalome - Health, prosperity, favor, rest, safety, tranquility

Jehovah – God’s COVENANT name. God obligates Himself to keep us in peace when we meet His conditions.

Jdg 6:22 And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.

Jdg 6:23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.

Jdg 6:24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Our failure to obey God is the thing that forfeits the peace that God wants to give to us

Isa 48:17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Isa 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:

Isa 48:19 Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

It is not God who withholds anything from us. The Bible says that it is our sins that withhold good things from us. We should stop blaming God and making Him responsible for what we ourselves are responsible for.

The secret of peace is having our minds stayed on Him.

Stayed – *sawmak'* – to lean upon or take hold of. Our minds must lean on and take hold of God Himself because He is our peace.

The Warfare for Peace

How do we get our minds to stay on Him? Discipline the mind by making it focus on God and His promises to us:

2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

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

The warfare that we are engaged in concerns our peace of mind. Satan is trying to attack our minds. Satan is opposed to anything that God *is*.

God is not "the God of turmoil and confusion"

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

God is the author of PEACE. Satan is the author of confusion, turmoil, discontent, joylessness, depression, restlessness, and all of the things that torment our minds.

Act 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

Act 10:35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Act 10:36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

Act 10:37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

Act 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Peace comes by Jesus Christ (who is the prince of peace – Isa. 9:6) and that is the Word that is being preached (proclaimed). The peace that God is giving includes deliverance from satanic oppression.

Oppressed – to exercise dominion against (Greek).

(BBE) About Jesus of Nazareth, how God gave the Holy Spirit to him, with power: and how he went about doing good and making well all who were troubled by evil spirits, for God was with him.

(CEV) God gave the Holy Spirit and power to Jesus from Nazareth. He was with Jesus, as he went around doing good and healing everyone who was under the power of the devil.

(HCSB) how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and curing all who were under the tyranny of the Devil, because God was with Him.

(AMP) How God anointed and consecrated Jesus of Nazareth with the [Holy] Spirit and with strength and ability and power; how He went about doing good and, in particular, curing all who were harassed and oppressed by [the power of] the devil, for God was with Him.

It is not God's will that you lack peace. It is Satan who oppresses and attempts to take away the shalom that God wants to give to us. He desires to deliver us from satanic oppression and give us His peace.

Mark 4:35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

Mark 4:36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

Mark 4:37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

Mark 4:38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

Mark 4:39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, **Peace, be still.** And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Mark 4:40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

Mark 4:41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

I often wondered why Jesus rebuked the storm in this manner. Why didn't He directly rebuke the storm itself or the devil that brought the storm? (We know that God did not bring this storm as some would erroneously imply). It wasn't until my wife and I were in the car talking about the subject of God's peace and she brought up this Scripture. Then it dawned on me. We are in a warfare and Satan's desire was to steal their peace by bringing a storm. If the devil could steal Jesus' peace then he could kill the Lord. He had already obviously stolen the peace of those who were with Jesus. However, the Lord commanded peace to be restored back to the waters.

We have to learn exercise authority over the devil. The devil desires to steal our peace. Command peace to be restored whenever there are storms and turmoil in any part of your life.

Disciplining the Mind

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A good definition of peace is resolving in one's mind that God will take care of whatever problems that they are facing. Peace is being God focused and not problem focused.

Mat 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Mat 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Mat 6:27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

Mat 6:28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

Mat 6:29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Mat 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Mat 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

Mat 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Mat 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Remember that in Isa. 26:3 we said that the word “stayed” in relation to our minds means, “take hold of.” Our minds and thoughts can take hold of what we allow it to. If we “take” thoughts inconsistent with faith but consistent with worry and fear then we have made the choice. If we take hold of the truth concerning God and His covenant provision for us, then again we made a choice. Faith and fear are *choices*.

Php 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

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

Php 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Name it and Claim it

Joh 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.

Two “lets” demonstrating our choice:

It is our choice as to whether or not our hearts are troubled.

It is our choice whether or not our hearts are afraid.

Whatever you let your heart do is your choice. You CAN help it.

Jesus said, “Let not...” This means that the choice is yours. It is totally your decision as to whether or not your heart becomes troubled and afraid.

The Lord already said that He has given us His peace. Faith takes hold of the promise of God and claims it as his own despite feelings and surrounding circumstances.

2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Sound mind: *sōphronismos* - discipline, self control

There are things God has given and things that he has not given. We must be careful not to claim things that He has not given to us.

Mar 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

Mar 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Mar 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever [name them] ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

1Jn 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

1Jn 5:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

To have something simply means to take possession of it and to hold on to it. Basically, to claim it.

If you do not want anxiety then do not claim that you have anxiety. Instead claim peace.

Php 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Name what you want in order to claim what you want.

Martin Luther:

The third requisite of true prayer is, that **one must name definitely something that he brings to God or for which he prays**; as for strong faith, for love, for peace, and for the comfort of his neighbor. One must actually set forth the petitions; just as the Lord's Prayer presents seven petitions. This is what Christ means by the words: "If ye shall ask anything of the Father." "Anything," that is, whatever you are in need of. (Exposition of The Lord's Prayer)

E. M. Bounds:

Just so far as the faith and the asking is definite, so also will the answer be. The giving is not to be something other than the things prayed for, but the actual things sought and named. "He shall have whatsoever he saith." It is all imperative, "He shall have." The granting is to be unlimited, both in quality and in quantity. (The Necessity of Prayer)

Name it: Peace – Jehovahshalome (Judges 6:24). Peace is a NAME. Gideon named it: "Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom"

Call – Hebrew is "Qara'" which means "to call, name, give name to, call by"

Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and named it The LORD is Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. (New American Standard)

And Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and named it "The LORD Is Peace." The altar remains in Ophrah in the land of the clan of Abiezer to this day. (New Living Translation)

So Gideon built an altar there to worship the LORD and named it The LORD Is Peace. It still stands at Ophrah, where the Abiezrites live. (New Century Version)

Claim it: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." It is already yours. Claim it by faith:

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. (Rom. 4:17)

As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed. (Rom. 4:17, Amplified Bible)

The Holy Writings say, "I have made you a father of many nations." This promise is good because of Who God is. He makes the dead live again. He speaks, and something is made out of nothing. (Rom. 4:17; New Life Bible)

God calls things that do not exist as though they did.

"Calleth" – Greek – Kaleo: "to call i.e. to name, by name; to give a name to; to receive the name of, receive as a name; to give some name to one, call his name." (See Luke 2:21)

Mark 11:22-24

Joh 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

We should "name and claim" only that which has been promised by the Word of God.

Notice that Jesus said that He has "spoken these things to us that we *might* have peace." He has given us His Word and His promise but we have choices to make. Are we going to "be of good cheer" in spite of the tribulations that we face or are we going to be depressed, miserable, turmoiled in mind, worried, etc.?

It is the failure to embrace God's Word that takes away our peace and causes us to fall.

Mat 13:19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

Mat 13:20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

Mat 13:21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

Mat 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

Mat 13:23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Notice that Jesus said that Satan is able to take away the Word from the person who “understandeth it NOT.” The person that bore fruit took the time to understand God’s Word. The mind is certainly involved in receiving God’s promises of peace.