

The Peace of God Part 11 – When the Inside Is Stronger Than the Outside

Key Points:

- The peace of God cannot be taken from a believer, but its experiential manifestation can be stolen when a believer walks by sight rather than by faith or fills their soul with the things of the world.
 - Lawlessness, defined as open defiance of God's law by individuals, governments, and entire societies, causes the love of many believers to grow cold, meaning it diminishes and dries up.
 - Believers are called to purposely draw near to God and stay close to the fire of His presence as a direct response to the coldness produced by surrounding lawlessness.
 - The conditions of Noah's day, including explosive population growth, gross sexual perversion, increased demonic activity, the mingling of angels with women, transhumanism-like genetic corruption, and widespread violence and corruption, are all visibly present in today's world.
 - UFO, UAP, and alien phenomena are not extraterrestrial in origin but are demonic and fallen-angel activity, consistent with the spiritual entities described in Ephesians 6.
 - Research from Harvard University and other institutions shows that a significant majority of alien abduction reports involve reproductive or sexual themes, directly paralleling the Genesis 6 account of fallen angels cohabitating with women.
 - Governments and military institutions are pursuing this phenomenon not for spiritual truth but for technological advantage and the extension of human life apart from God.
 - Believers have been given power, love, and a sound mind and are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, meaning they have no reason to fear demonic manifestations, alien phenomena, or occult activity.
 - The church's role in this hour is to be salt and light, cast out devils, bring healing, and point people to Christ rather than becoming consumed by or afraid of the signs of the times.
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The Peace of God Part 11 - 5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Anchored in Peace: Standing Firm in the Last Days

Day 1: The Peace That Cannot Be Stolen

Reading: John 16:33

Devotional: Jesus spoke directly to His disciples about the reality of tribulation in this world. He did not promise a life free of hardship, but He promised something far greater -- peace that originates in Him alone. The world around us grows louder, more chaotic, and more lawless with every passing season. Yet the peace of God is not a feeling manufactured by circumstances. It is a settled reality rooted in the finished work of Christ. The enemy cannot remove what God has placed within you. Guard your heart by staying close to the Word and yielding daily to the Spirit of God.

Reflection: In what areas of your life have you allowed your circumstances to speak louder than the peace God has already provided?

Practical Application: Identify one source of anxiety in your life today. Bring it before God in prayer and declare aloud that His peace governs your heart, not your surroundings.

Day 2: Walking in the Spirit When the World Grows Cold

Reading: James 4:8; Galatians 5:16-25

Devotional: Scripture warns that lawlessness in the last days will cause the love of many to grow cold. This cooling is not sudden -- it is gradual, like a fire that dims when no new wood is added. The answer is not complicated, but it requires intentionality. James reminds us that drawing near to God is a choice we make, and when we make it, God responds by drawing near to us. Walking in the Spirit is not a passive experience. It requires that we actively feed our inner man with the Word, with prayer, and with fellowship. Stay close to the fire.

Reflection: Has the noise of the world around you begun to cool your passion for God? When did you last intentionally pursue His presence?

Practical Application: Set aside 30 minutes today with no phone, no news, and no distractions. Simply sit with God and ask Him to renew the fire of His love in your heart.

Day 3: As in the Days of Noah -- Recognizing the Times

Reading: Luke 17:26-30; Genesis 6:1-8

Devotional: Jesus used the days of Noah as a prophetic mirror for the generation that would witness His return. The conditions of Noah's day -- rampant lawlessness, sexual perversion, violence, corruption, and spiritual rebellion -- are not ancient history. They are today's headlines. God did not share these things to frighten us but to prepare us. Noah was not destroyed by the flood because he walked with God in the midst of a corrupt generation. You are called to do the same. Understanding the times is not an invitation to fear -- it is an invitation to walk more deliberately with God and to be salt and light in a darkening world.

Reflection: How does understanding the prophetic significance of current events change the way you engage with the world around you?

Practical Application: Read a current news story and intentionally filter it through a biblical lens. Ask God to show you how to pray specifically for those affected and how to respond with the love of Christ.

Day 4: Greater Is He -- Authority Over Darkness

Reading: Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 John 4:4; Luke 10:19

Devotional: Spiritual warfare is not a Hollywood production. It is a daily reality that every believer navigates, whether they recognize it or not. Scripture is clear that the power residing within the believer through the Holy Spirit is greater than any force of darkness operating in this world. Fallen spiritual entities are real. Demonic influence is real. But so is the authority of the name of Jesus Christ. You are not a passive victim in a spiritual conflict. You are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and that position carries weight. Do not be impressed by what the enemy can do. Be anchored in what God has already done.

Reflection: Do you live with a genuine awareness of your spiritual authority in Christ, or does fear of the unseen world diminish your confidence in God?

Practical Application: Speak the name of Jesus aloud over your home, your family, and your mind today. Practice the discipline of declaring truth over fear in every area where darkness has tried to gain a foothold.

Day 5: Salt, Light, and the Mission That Does Not Change

Reading: Matthew 5:13-16; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; Matthew 28:18-20

Devotional: Paul warned Timothy that the last days would produce people who are lovers of self, lovers of pleasure, and rejectors of God. He was right. But the mission of the church has not changed because the world has gotten darker. If anything, the darkness makes the light more visible. People who have rejected God are not beyond His reach -- they are simply searching in the wrong places. Some are opening themselves to counterfeit spiritual experiences because they cannot silence the eternal longing God placed within them. You carry the answer they are looking for. Do not allow lawlessness, fearful sights, or the strangeness of the times to cool your love or silence your witness. The world needs the body of Christ now more than ever.

Reflection: Has the condition of the world caused you to pull back from sharing the gospel, or has it stirred a greater urgency within you to reach those around you?

Practical Application: Think of one person in your life who is searching for answers in the wrong places. Commit to praying for them daily this week and ask God for a specific opportunity to share His love with them.

The Peace of God Part 11 – Scripture References from the Sermon

Scriptures Directly Mentioned:

John 16:33 - Jesus speaks peace to his disciples and declares he has overcome the world.

Matthew 24:12 - Lawlessness will abound and the love of many will grow cold.

Matthew 24:37 - The days of the Son of Man will be as the days of Noah.

Luke 17:26 - As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be in the days of the Son of Man.

Genesis 6:1 - Mankind multiplying rapidly on the earth.

Genesis 6:2 - Sons of God taking daughters of men.

Genesis 6:4 - Giants on the earth, sons of God and daughters of men, mighty men of renown.

Genesis 6:11 - The earth was corrupt and filled with violence.

Luke 21:11 - Great earthquakes, famines, pestilences, fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

2 Timothy 3:1-9 - Description of society in the last days.

James 4:8 - Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.

Ephesians 6:10-12 - Spiritual warfare against principalities and powers.

Ephesians 2:6 - Believers seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Scriptures Alluded To:

Matthew 24 (broader context) - Signs of the end times.

Mark 5 / Luke 8 - Jesus casting demons into a herd of pigs.

Acts 14:11-13 - Paul and Barnabas mistaken for Zeus and Hermes.

1 John 4:4 - Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.

Proverbs 26:2 - A curse without cause does not land.

2 Timothy 1:7 - God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind.

Revelation 20:6 - Believers ruling and reigning with Christ.

The Peace of God Part 11 – Personal and Small Group Study Guide

Small Group Guide

Based on: "As in the Days of Noah" (Matthew 24 Series)

Overview

This sermon examines the signs Jesus described in Matthew 24 and Luke 21, comparing conditions in our world today to the days of Noah. The pastor addresses how lawlessness, spiritual deception, and even unexplained phenomena in the news can threaten the peace of the believer -- and how walking in the Spirit and staying close to God is the answer.

Key Takeaways

- The peace of God is not automatically experienced by every believer. It must be cultivated through walking in the Spirit and staying close to the Word of God.
 - Lawlessness does not just refer to crime in the streets. It describes any individual, group, or culture that has chosen to live in open defiance of God's law.
 - When love grows cold, it is often a gradual process driven by surrounding circumstances, not a sudden departure from faith.
 - The conditions Jesus described as characteristic of Noah's day -- population explosion, sexual perversion, demonic activity, violence, and corruption -- are visibly present in the world today.
 - Unexplained phenomena such as UFOs and alien encounter reports are best understood through a biblical lens, not a secular one. The pastor argues these are demonic or fallen angel in origin, consistent with **Genesis 6**.
 - Believers have been given authority in Christ. Fear is not the appropriate response to any of these signs. Knowledge, faith, and spiritual authority are.
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Discussion Questions

Opening Question

Think about a time when circumstances around you made it difficult to experience God's peace. What was happening, and how did you respond?

Section 1: Lawlessness and Growing Cold (Matthew 24:12)

1. The pastor described lawlessness not just as criminal behavior but as any individual or society choosing to live apart from God's principles. Where do you see this most clearly in your own community or culture?
 2. The word translated "grow cold" carries the idea of being refrigerated or dried up. Have you ever noticed your love for God or for others becoming less fervent during difficult or discouraging seasons? What contributed to that, and what helped you recover?
 3. Rick Renner is quoted as saying that moral filth and violence are flowing through nearly every medium available to us today. How intentional are you about what you allow into your mind through entertainment, social media, or news? What boundaries have you found helpful?
 4. The pastor said that rather than pulling away from God when things get worse, the right response is to draw closer to him. What does that actually look like in your daily life?
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Section 2: As in the Days of Noah (Genesis 6, Luke 17:26)

5. The pastor listed several conditions that characterized Noah's day -- exploding population, sexual perversion, demonic activity, genetic tampering, widespread violence and corruption. Which of these do you find most striking when you look at the world today? Why?
 6. **Genesis 6** describes fallen angels cohabitating with women and producing hybrid offspring. The pastor connected this to modern trends like transhumanism, human-animal DNA experimentation, and AI integration. How do you think about the relationship between spiritual rebellion and these kinds of scientific or cultural developments?
 7. The pastor made the point that when people reject God, they do not stop searching for spiritual meaning -- they simply look elsewhere. How have you seen this play out in the lives of people around you?
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Section 3: Fearful Sights and UFO Phenomena (Luke 21:11)

8. The pastor argued that UFO and alien encounter reports are demonic in origin and consistent with the activity described in **Genesis 6**. How do you personally process

claims like this? What does it look like to think biblically about topics that feel unusual or outside the norm?

9. The pastor said that 70 to 80 percent of alien abduction reports involve reproductive or sexual themes, and he connected this directly to the activity of the fallen angels in Noah's day. How does having a biblical framework change the way you would respond to someone who claims to have had one of these experiences?
10. The pastor warned against becoming so fascinated with these topics that we lose focus on our relationship with God. How do you strike that balance between being informed and staying spiritually grounded?

Section 4: Walking in Authority, Not Fear

11. The pastor said, "I've already engaged the supernatural spiritual world, and I engaged on the right side." How confident are you in your own spiritual authority as a believer? What has helped build that confidence, or what has made it feel uncertain?
12. The pastor described teaching children to use the name of Jesus against fear rather than avoiding all exposure to darkness. How are you equipping the younger people in your life -- whether your own children, grandchildren, or others -- to walk in spiritual authority rather than fear?
13. He closed by saying that believers are called to be salt and light in the middle of a world that is embracing deception. What is one specific way your group or your church can engage your community with the love and truth of God in this season?

Practical Applications

- Audit your media intake this week. Identify one thing you are regularly consuming that feeds lawlessness, fear, or coldness rather than faith, and make a deliberate decision about it.
- Practice **James 4:8** intentionally. Set aside time each day this week to draw near to God in prayer or in the Word. Notice whether your sense of peace and warmth toward God changes.

- Have a conversation with someone in your life who is curious about UFOs, aliens, or the unexplained. Rather than avoiding the topic, engage it with a biblical perspective and use it as a bridge to talk about the reality of the spiritual world and the authority of Christ.
 - Memorize or meditate on **2 Timothy 1:7** this week, which teaches that God has not given believers a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. Let that truth anchor you as you encounter fearful or unsettling news.
 - If you have children or grandchildren, look for one opportunity this week to teach them something about their authority in Christ. It does not have to be complicated. Simple, consistent truth builds lasting confidence.
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Closing Prayer Focus

Pray together as a group for the following:

- That each member would stay close to the fire of God's presence and not allow lawlessness or fear to cool their love for him
- That your church would be a place of salt and light in a community that is increasingly searching for answers in the wrong places
- That believers would walk in the spiritual authority they have been given in Christ, free from fear and full of the peace that passes understanding
- That those around you who are curious about spiritual things would encounter the truth of Jesus Christ before they are drawn deeper into deception