

Jehovah Shalom

The Lord is my Shepherd... (Jehovah Raah)
... I lack nothing. (Jehovah Jireh) The Lord my
Provider.

...He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters...

Jehovah Shalom: The Lord is my Peace.

Shalom: Welfare, good health, prosperity,
rest, contentment or favor, all is well or safe,
finished or complete, to make things good or
right (restitution), to pay an obligation.
Wholeness or Fullness or Perfection.

Shalom is being satisfied and content in *this* moment in the presence of God because only one thing really matters.

You will keep in perfect peace those
whose minds are steadfast because
they trust in You. (Is. 23: 6)

Judges 6

Pattern of the book of Judges:

Rebellion (Sin)

Punishment (Defeat)

Repentance

Deliverance (Victory)

Most important Peace Principle:

Disobedience Destroys Peace...

Isaiah 57: 20-21

**But the wicked are like the tossing sea,
which cannot rest,
whose waves cast up mire and mud.**

**21 “There is no peace,” says my God, “for the
wicked.”**

Most important Peace Principle:

... Obedience Delivers Peace

Isaiah 48: 18

**If only you had paid attention to my
commands,
your peace would have been like a river,
your well-being like the waves of the sea.**

Most important Peace Principle:

Peace and Righteousness go hand in hand:

James 3:17-18

. . . the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

Judges 6

7 When the Israelites cried out to the LORD because of Midian, 8 he sent them a prophet, who said, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

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9 I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians. And I delivered you from the hand of all your oppressors; I drove them out before you and gave you their land. 10 I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.' But you have not listened to me."

How much biblical truth about righteousness
(right living) does the average Christian ignore?

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. 12 When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, “The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.”

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13 “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”

It's possible when we lack peace that we are disobeying what we know to be true, and God is leaving us alone, just like we want.

Judges 6

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 “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.”

Judges 6

16 The LORD answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.”

17 Gideon replied, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me.

18 Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you.”

And the LORD said, “I will wait until you return.”

Judges 6

19 Gideon went inside, prepared a young goat, and from an ephah of flour he made bread without yeast. Putting the meat in a basket and its broth in a pot, he brought them out and offered them to him under the oak.

20 The angel of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth.” And Gideon did so.

Judges 6

21 Then the angel of the LORD touched the meat and the unleavened bread with the tip of the staff that was in his hand. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the LORD disappeared. 22 When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the LORD, he exclaimed, “Alas, Sovereign LORD! I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!”

Judges 6

23 But the LORD said to him, “Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die.”

24 So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD Is Peace.

Peace is found in the Presence of God.

Disobedience destroys peace, but
Obedience delivers peace.

Choose Obedience,
Choose Peace.

When we ignore truth,
we forfeit Peace.

No God, No Peace.

Know God, Know Peace.

Peace is a Person

You will keep in perfect peace those
whose minds are steadfast because
they trust in You. (Is. 23: 6)

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Numbers 6: 24-26

**24 “The LORD bless you
and keep you;**

**25 the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;**

**26 the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.”**