



## CELL GUIDE

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**TOPIC** Jehovah Shalom

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

In this season, SP Daniel Foo continues to expound on the names of God. We further recognise God as Jehovah Shalom, the LORD is my peace. He who leads us beside quiet waters (Psalm 23:2).

His name as Jehovah Shalom was first revealed in the Book of Judges (Judges 6:6, 11 and 13) to Gideon who saw himself as insignificant and the least in his own family, incapable to save Israel from the oppression of the Midianites. Despite the doubts that Gideon had, the Lord said to Gideon, "Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die". And Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and called it 'The Lord is Peace (Judges 6:23-24).

## JEHOVAH SHALOM – THE LORD IS MY PEACE

To have peace from God, we must first have peace with God and be justified by faith, where we believe in the finished work of the cross to be reconciled with Him (Rom 5:1). Then, we are able to experience the peace of God in order to overcome the evil one and this world (Rom 16:20).

### 1) Why do we not have peace?

We lose the peace of God whenever we are not in sync with Him who is loving, just and righteous. In Isaiah 57:21, it tells us that there is no peace for the wicked, referring to the people who are evil and wilfully have no regard for God. SP Dan Foo also gently reminded us that even believers who do not want to mature spiritually are considered 'wicked' and 'lazy' in the eyes of God (1 Cor 3:1-3).

### 2) Promises of Shalom – for those who are in SYNC with God

It is important to have godly peace, *Eirene (greek)*, in our lives. This godly peace that comes from God promises us spiritual, emotional, mental and physical health, and that is what God wants believers to be, wholesome in every aspect of our well-being in every moment of our lives.

The promises of Shalom are great for those who are in sync with God! Through scriptures, God's law repeatedly assures us of the great peace we have when we are serving the Lord. Scripture holds no power unless we believe in them, but great peace is given to those who love the Law (Psalm 119:165). In righteousness, we will be established, and fear and terror will not come near us (Isaiah 54:13-14).

### 3) Three Types of Peace

There are 3 types of peace that walking in sync with God is able to give us:

#### a) Peace that guards our hearts and mind

In life, there will always be issues and situations that try to rob and steal our peace from God away from us. These may stem from worries for the future, work and career issues, health problems, fear of authority, fear of inadequacy, loneliness, and the list goes on. It makes it ever more critical to know that we must always soak our lives in prayer, and pray till the peace of God envelopes and guards our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-8).

The peace of God will surely help us to overcome life problems!

#### b) Peace of God ruling in our hearts

In our spheres of influence and communities, we are bound to encounter people-related problems. Colossians 3:15 reminds us to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts to which we were called in one body. And to be thankful.

We need the peace of God to overcome especially people problems and conflicts!

#### c) Peace at all times, in all ways and in every situation

The Lord of peace gives us peace through His presence, protecting us from unreasonable and wicked men around us. He is faithful to establish and guard us from the evil one (2 Thess 3:2-3, 16).

To have peace at all times, in all ways and situations means that we must:

- i. Strive to have a clear conscience before God and men (Acts 24:16);
- ii. Grow in the experiential knowledge of each person of the Trinity (2 Peter 1:2-3); and
- iii. Lay hold of and experience the promises of God (Rom 15:13).

The peace of God provides protection from evil and wicked people!

## Conclusion

Blessings do not come to mere listeners of the word, but only when we obey and apply the word.

The Lord Is our Peace - our Jehovah Shalom promises us that the peace of God will result in the transformation of our soul, through the continual renewal of our mind, seen in the continual evidencing of the Fruit of the Spirit, all in continual alignment with the Will of God. Ultimately, God will always work all things for the good of those who love Him (Roman 8:28). Because of the finished work of Christ on the cross, we are assured of a covenant of peace as long as we are in sync with Him.

# QUESTIONS

1. How has God revealed himself as Jehovah Shalom in your life?

2. SP shared three things we should do in order to have peace at all times, in all ways and situations. Which of these 3 things is more challenging for you? Which are you doing better in? Share your strengths and weaknesses with the cell.

3. What are some of the things/issues that commonly give you stresses, fears and/or anxieties? Share with the cell how you have been managing them, and how they may pray for you.