

Pastoral Matter

Personal Prophecy -
Words of Knowledge



1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. (Knowledge-Understanding-Wisdom)

Matthew 10:40-41 He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

1 Corinthians 14:3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.



Theme
**Knowing &
Experiencing God**



Psalm 23 (NIV)

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. **2** He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, **3** He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. **4** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. **5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **6** Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the House of the LORD forever.



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The Lord is my Peace - **Jehovah Shalom**

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He leads me besides [still] quiet waters - Jehovah **Shalom**.

1. The importance of having the peace **from** God.



Jeremiah 16:5 For thus says the Lord: “Do not enter the house of mourning, nor go to lament or bemoan them; for **I have taken away My peace** from this people,” says the Lord, “lovingkindness and mercies.”

personally - family - nation

Jehovah Shalom.

2. To have peace from God, we must first have peace with God.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:9-10

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3. We can then experience the peace of God.

Philippians 4:6-7

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7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



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4. We must then know the God of Peace to overcome the evil one and this world.

Romans 16:20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Philippians 4:9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.



First Mention of Jehovah Shalom - Judges 6:6, 11, 13

6 So Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord.

11 Now the Angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites.

13 Gideon said to Him, “O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the Lord has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.”



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15 So he said to Him, “O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.” **16** And the Lord said to him, “Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.”

23 Then the Lord said to him, “Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die.” **24** So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it The-Lord-Is-Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.



I. Why do we not have peace?

When we are NOT in  sync with
God Who is loving, just & righteous.

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Judges 6:1-24

1 Then the children of Israel **did evil in the sight of the Lord**. So the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years, **2** and the **hand of Midian prevailed against Israel**. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens, the caves, and the strongholds which are in the mountains. **3** So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. **4** Then they would **encamp against them and destroy the produce of the earth** as far as Gaza, and **leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey**.



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Judges 6:1-24

5 For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, coming in as **numerous as locusts**; both they and their camels were without number; and they would **enter the land to destroy it**. **6** So **Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites**, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord. **7** And it came to pass, when the children of **Israel cried out to the Lord** because of the Midianites, **8** that the **Lord sent a prophet** to the children of Israel, who said to them, “Thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘I brought you up from **Egypt** and brought you out of the **house of bondage**;



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Judges 6:1-24

9 and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of **all who oppressed you**, and drove them out before you and gave you their land.

10 Also I said to you, “I am the Lord your God; do not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell.” **But you have not obeyed My voice.**’

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16 And the Lord said to him, “Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.” **17** Then he said to Him, “If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me. **18** Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set it before You.” And He said, “I will wait until you come back.” **19** So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought them out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented them.



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Judges 6:1-24

20 The Angel of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth.” And he did so. **21** Then the Angel of the Lord put out the end of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the Lord departed out of his sight.

22 Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the Lord. So Gideon said, “Alas, O Lord God! For I have seen the Angel of the Lord face to face.”



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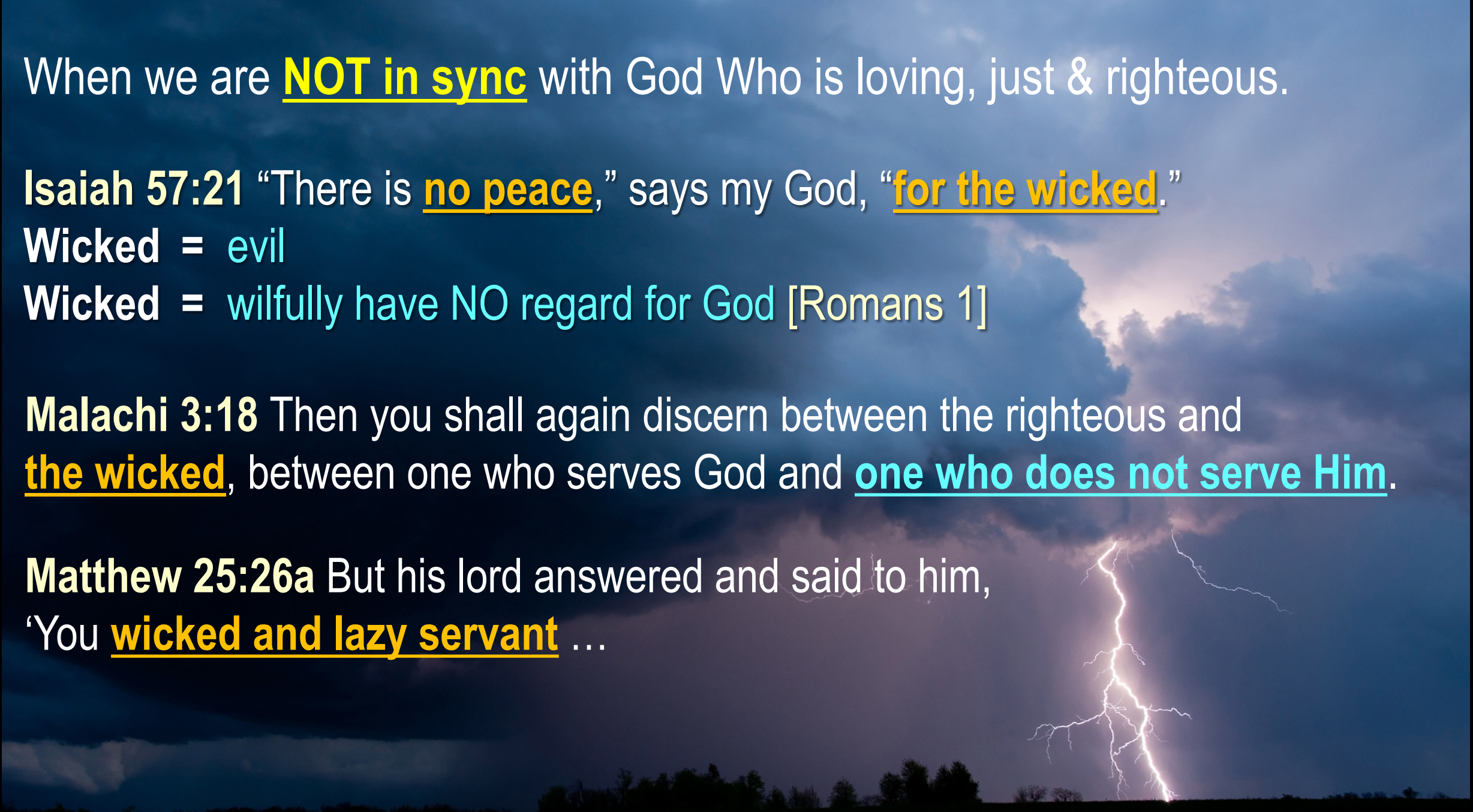
Isaiah 57:21 “There is **no peace**,” says my God, “**for the wicked**.”

Wicked = evil

Wicked = wilfully have NO regard for God [Romans 1]

Malachi 3:18 Then you shall again discern between the righteous and **the wicked**, between one who serves God and **one who does not serve Him**.

Matthew 25:26a But his lord answered and said to him,
‘You **wicked and lazy servant** ...



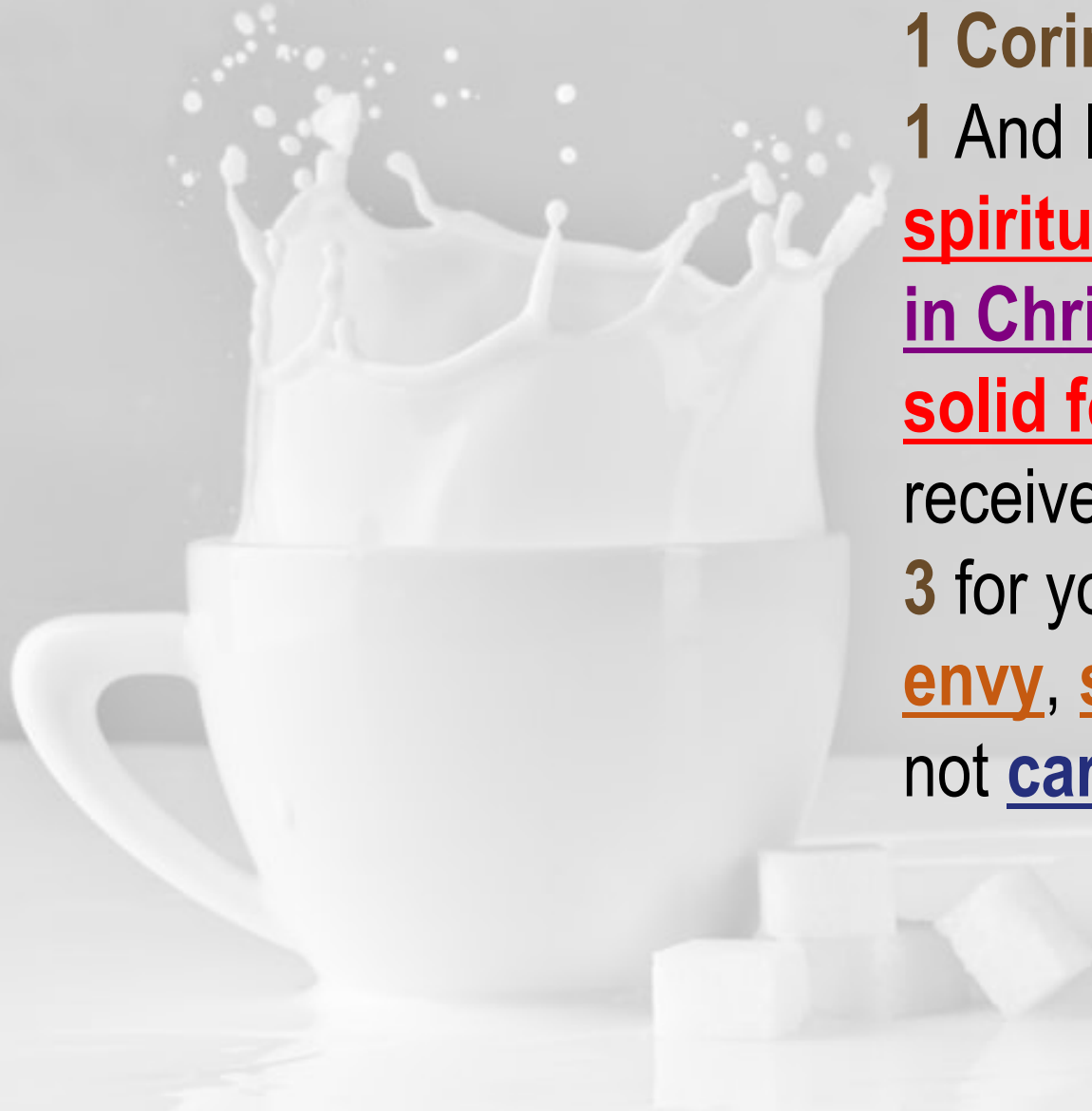
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1 Corinthians 3:1-3

1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; 3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

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II. Promises of Shalom

For all who are in sync-relationship
with God.

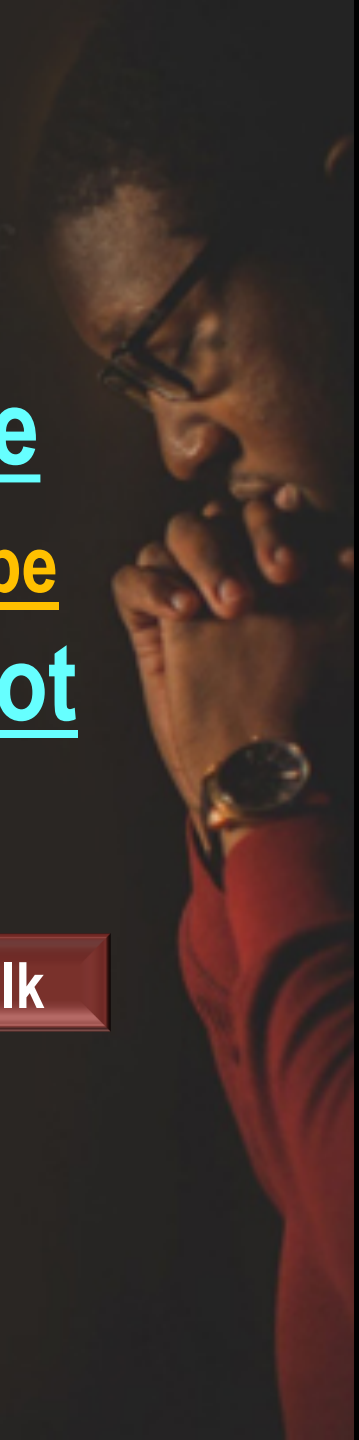


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Isaiah 54:13-14

13 All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. 14 In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and (far) from terror, for it shall not come near you.

Grief talk



II. Promises of Shalom for all who are in sync with God!

Psalms 119:165 Great peace have
those who love Your law, and
nothing causes them to stumble.

Faith Convictions



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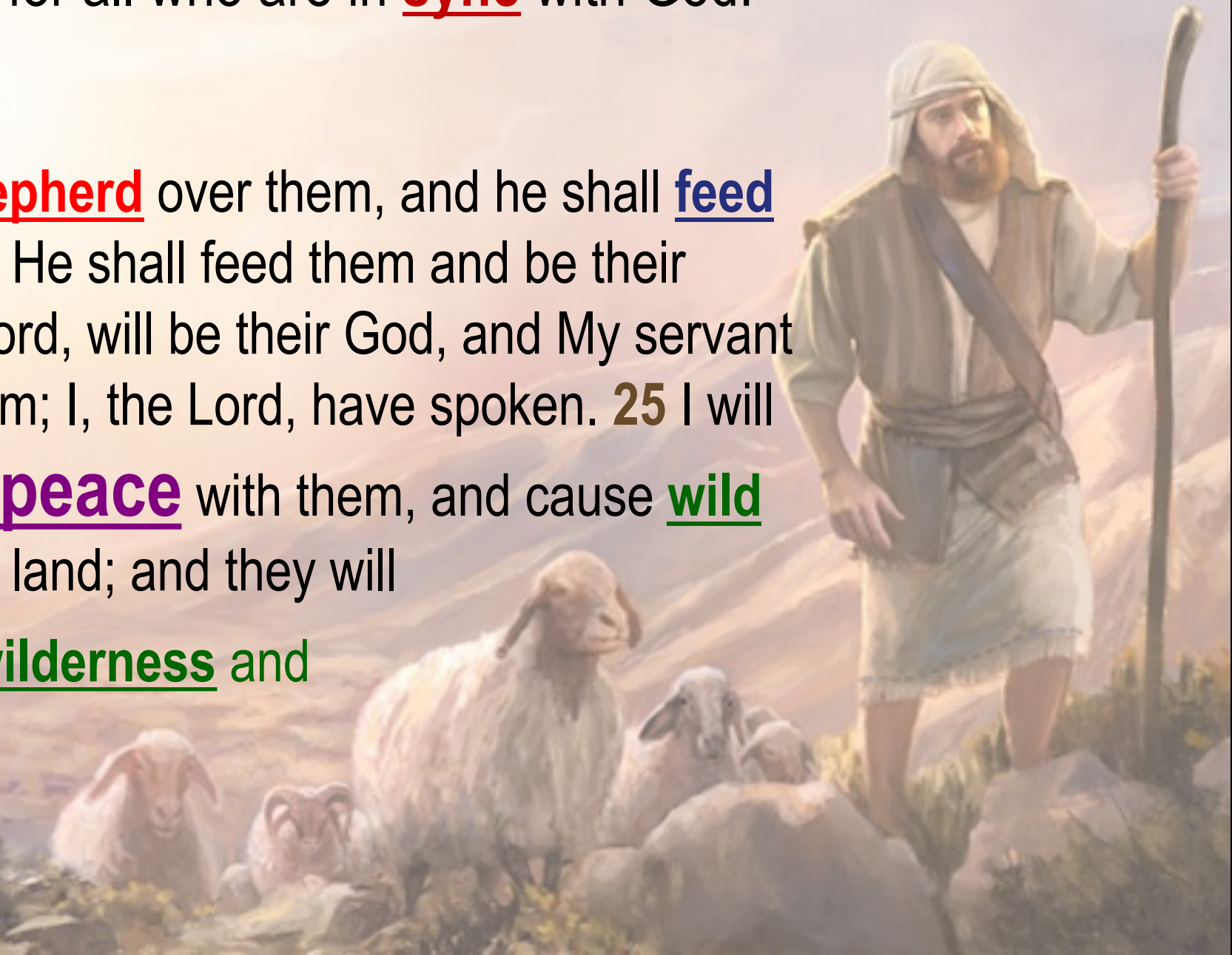
Ezekiel 37:26 Moreover I will make a covenant
of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting
covenant with them; I will establish them and
multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary
(Presence) in their midst forevermore.



II. Promises of Shalom for all who are in sync with God!

Ezekiel 34:23-25

23 I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. **24** And I, the Lord, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken. **25** I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.



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Malachi 2:5-6

5 My covenant was with him, one of life and peace, and I gave them to him that he might fear Me; so he feared Me and was reverent before My name. 6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and injustice was not found on his lips. He walked with Me in peace and equity, and turned many away from iniquity.



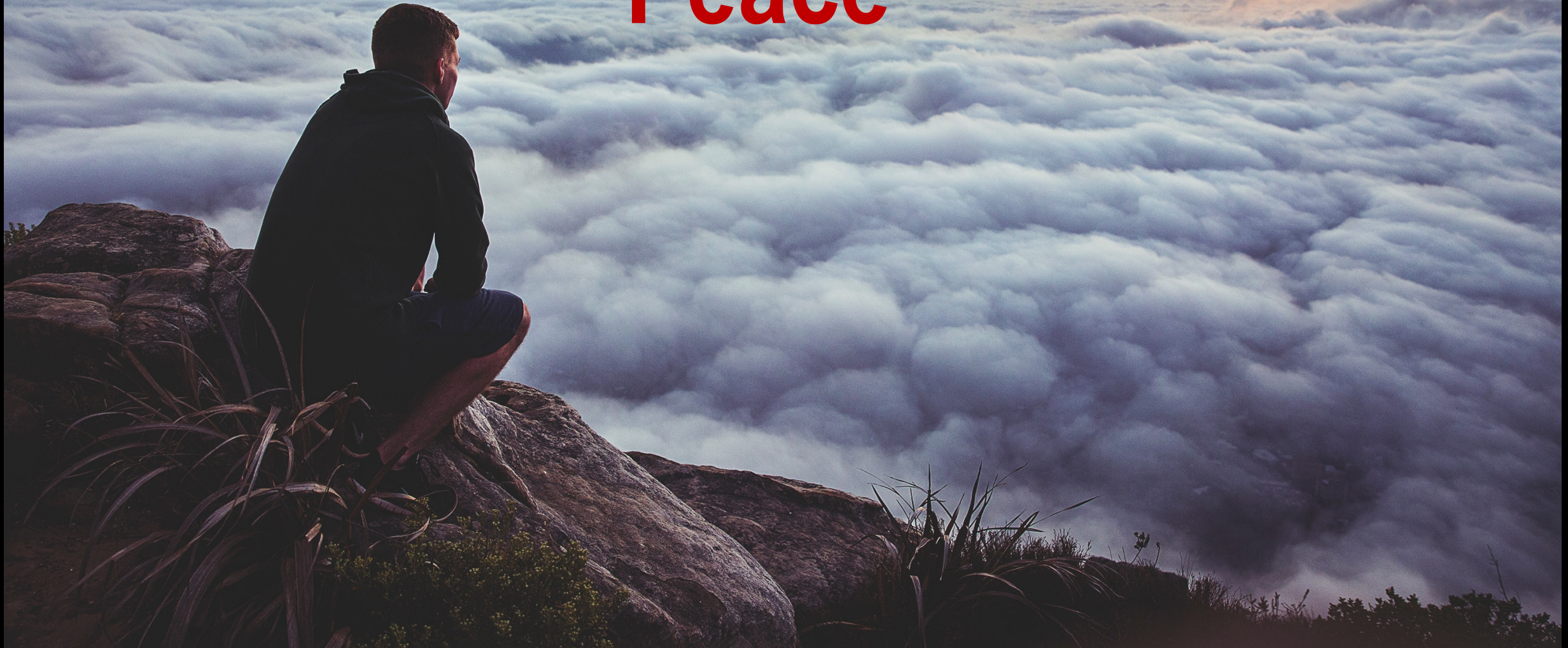
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Romans 8:5-6

5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.



III. Three Types of Peace



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1. Peace that guards our hearts and mind.

Struggles with Peace - Anxieties and Worries

What tomorrow will bring	Work Problems	Fear of failed Pregnancy	Health Issues
Unable to cope with SAF	Rebellious Child mixing with Wrong Company		Fear of authority - man
Feeling not good enough to serve and lead		Fear of losing face - being embarrassed	
Financial Problem	Feeling Lonely	Relational Conflicts	



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Philippians 4:6-8

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8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—(pray) meditate on these things.

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2. Peace of God ruling in our hearts.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of Christ / God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Peace of God to overcome
especially People-Problems!



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3. Peace at all times, in all ways and in every situation.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all.

2 Thessalonians 3:2-3

2 and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.

The Lord of Peace provides Protection from
evil & wicked people!



HOW?



3. Peace at all times, in all ways and in every situation. **HOW?**

A. Strive to have a clear conscience before God and men.

Hebrews 10:19, 22

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus. **22** let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

1 John 1:9
Conscience: Good-Clear-Clean
vs Bad-Unclean-Evil

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Acts 24:16 This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

1 Timothy 1:19 Having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck.

3. Peace at all times, in all ways and in every situation. **HOW?**

B. Grow in experiential knowledge of each Person of the Trinity.

2 Peter 1:2-3

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you

in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.



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B. Grow in experiential knowledge of each Person of the Trinity.

- **Father-God** - His Sovereignty & Love
- **Lord Jesus** - His Grace & Truth
- **The Holy Spirit** - Power, Love & Wisdom



Peace of God to overcome all kinds of **FEARS!**

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1 Corinthians 8:7 However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

The issue of Weak Conscience is due to the lack of knowledge of God & His Word

+1 Corinthians 10 & Romans 14



3. Peace at all times, in all ways and in every situation. **HOW?**

C. Lay hold of and experience the Promises of God.

2 Peter 1:4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Blessings do not come to mere listeners of the Word!

Blessings only come to us when we obey-apply the Word!

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- 2 Corinthians 9:8 - **all grace abounds**
- 1 Peter 4:10-11 - strength & oracles of God
- Isaiah 44:26a - **confirms & performs Word**
- Psalm 91 - protection
- Psalm 121 - **sun and moon**
- 3 John 2 - prosper in soul & bodily health
- Proverbs 3:8; 4:22 - **healing**
- Relationship - Excellence is in the details - thots & ways



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Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.



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SUMMARY BOTTOM-LINE

I. Why do we not have peace?

When we are NOT in sync with God

II. Promises of Shalom for all who are in sync with God!

III. Three Types of Peace

Numbers 6:24-26

24 “The Lord ble^ss you and ke^ep you; 25 the Lord ma^ke His face shine upon you, and be gracⁱous to you; 26 the Lord li^ft up His countenance upon you, and give you peac^e.” ’