





Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

24 The LORD bless you and keep you;

25 the LORD make His face shine upon you

and be gracious to you;

26 the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace.

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Jehovah Shalom - The Lord is Peace

Peace comes only from God



Philemon 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Titus 1:4 To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and **peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour**.

2 Thessalonians 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

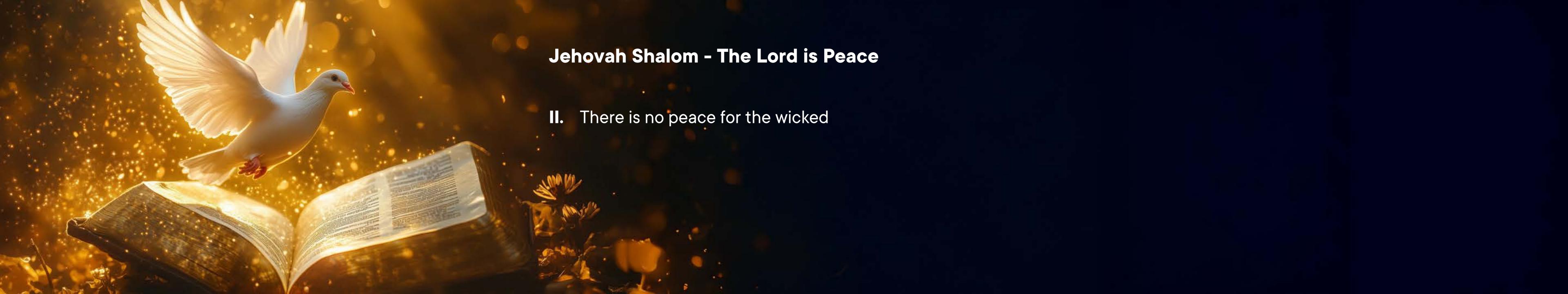
Bless each other with the peace of God

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John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.



II. There is no peace for the wicked

Isaiah 48:22 "There is no peace," says the Lord, "for the wicked."

The wicked are those who:

- Reject God have no regard for Him
- Reject His Word disregard His truth
- Are unloving, unjust and unrighteous
- Do evil



II. There is no peace for the wicked

Judges 6:1-2

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.

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Judges 6:3-4

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 6:5-6a

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 ...

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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 ...

Jeremiah 2:8 The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' And those who handle the law did not know Me; the rulers also transgressed against Me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

Jeremiah 2:13 For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns — broken cisterns that can hold no water.

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God holds:

- Government, rulers, and the church responsible for the state of the nation.
- Husbands & fathers responsible for the state of the family



John 16:33: In the world you will have tribulation



Because all have sinned and fallen short of God's best, the consequences of sin include:

- Relational strife conflicts, offences, feuds, fights, wars
- Physical brokenness sickness, mortality, corruption, aging leading to death
- Environmental decay deterioration of the earth and environment
- Natural disasters earthquakes, extreme weather
- Unexpected tragedies accidents, unforeseen calamities



III. Peace comes only to those who connect with God

Judges 6:7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried out to the LORD because of the Midianites.



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Judges 6:8-21

- The Lord sent a prophet to remind Israel that their oppression was because of their disobedience - rejecting God and His Word
- The Lord called Gideon to be the deliverer for Israel, in response to their cry to God for help
- Gideon finally responded to the Lord by building an altar/offering to God
- The Lord responded by fire consuming the offering and an angel rising up through the fire





Judges 6:22-24

- 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."
- **23** Then the LORD said to him, "**Peace** be with you; do not fear, you shall not die."
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Psalm 119:165 Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble.

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Malachi 2:5-6 (OT) 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.

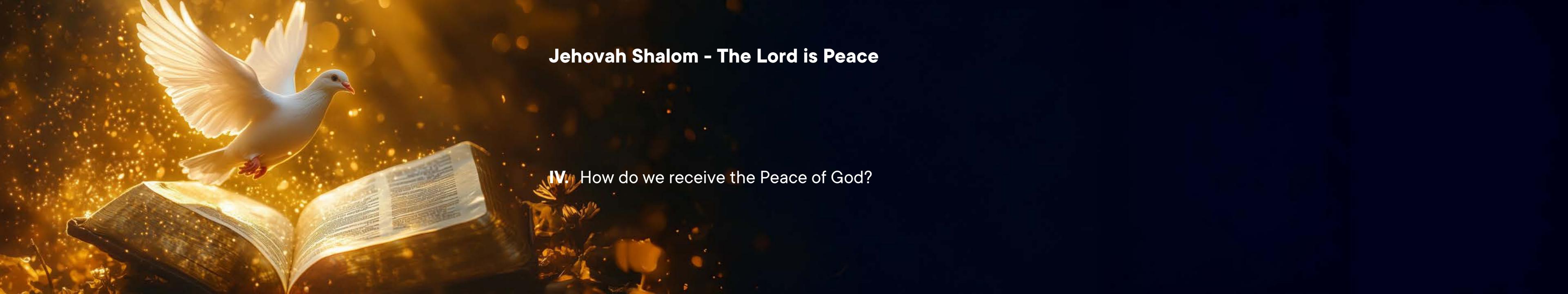


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Romans 8:5-6 (NT)

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.





IV. How do we receive the Peace of God?

1. To have peace from God, first have peace with God

Romans 5

v1 Therefore ... we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

v6: We were ungodly

v8: We were sinners

v10: We were enemies of God



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Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)

9 That if you **confess** with your **mouth**, "Jesus is Lord," and **believe** in your **heart** that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For it is with your **heart** that you **believe** and are **justified**, and it is with your **mouth** that you **confess** and are **saved**.



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Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

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

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

Guard - don't let the issue (pp-problem) EAT into your thinking and feeling



2. We can then experience the peace of God

Three broad areas that cause us to lose peace:

- A. Guilt and condemnation
 - strained relationship with God
- B. Relational conflicts
 - tension and discord with people
- C. Emotional burdens
 - struggle to cope with stress, anxieties, worries and fears



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2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Peter-remembered Words-repented YA-Girl—7yrs-encounterGod



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Examples of relational conflicts:

Communication breakdown			Misunderstandings	
Hurts & Offences		Failure to fulfil responsibilities		
Unable to meet expectations		าร	Fear of missing out (FOMO)	
R/s tensions	Wrong Feelings		ng Feelings	Family Strife



B. Relational conflicts

- tension and discord with people

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.

Acts 24:16 1 Timothy 1:19

2 Thessalonians 3:2

2 and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith.



B. Relational conflicts

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Good relationships promote peace and harmony

Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with all people ...

Romans 12:18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.



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Build ongoing altars to the LORD!

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- **4.** Know the God of peace for continual victory
- The Battle belongs to the Lord! (2 Chronicles 2:15; 1 Samuel 17:47)
- Jehovah Tsebaoth: The Lord of Hosts (1 Samuel 17:45)
- The Commander of the Lord's Army (Joshua 5:14)
- The Man of War (Exodus 15:3)
- The God of Peace (Romans 16:20)
- Jehovah Nissi (Exodus 17:15)

No God, no Peace; Know God, know Peace



4. Know the God of peace for continual victory

Romans 14:17b ... The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit

- Right standing
- Right believing
- Right doing

- Life and peace (Romans 8:6)
- Joy and peace
- Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Goodness, righteousness and truth (Ephesians 5:9)



4. Know the God of peace for continual victory

Isaiah 26:3-4

3 You will keep in **perfect peace** him whose mind is steadfast, because he **trusts** in you. 4 Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, **thoughts of peace** and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.



BOTTOM-LINE

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.

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

