

BE ROOTED, KNOW GOD BY HIS NAMES: YAHWEH SHALOM

December 27, 2020

WORSHIP

Angels We Have
Heard on High
/King of Heaven,
In Control,
We Praise You

WELCOME

What symbol of peace do you know of? Why do you think it's used as such? Share to the group.

WORD

READ IT!

JUDGES 6:11-18; 22-24

¹¹ Then the angel of the Lord came and sat under the oak that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press in order to save it from the Midianites. ¹² And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, "The Lord is with you, valiant warrior." ¹³ Then 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 the Lord not bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to Midian." ¹⁴ And the Lord looked at him and said, "Go in this strength of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?" ¹⁵ But he said to Him, "O Lord, how am I to save Israel? Behold, my family is the least in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's house." ¹⁶ Yet the Lord said to him, "I will certainly be with you, and you will defeat Midian as one man." ¹⁷ So Gideon said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, then perform for me a sign that it is You speaking with me. ¹⁸ Please do not depart from here until I come back to You and bring out my offering and lay it before You." And He said, "I will remain until you return" ... ²² When Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the Lord, he said, "Oh, Lord God! For I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!" ²³ But the Lord said to him, "Peace to you, do not be afraid; you shall not die." ²⁴ Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and named it **The Lord is Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.**

READ Judges 6 for context

PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

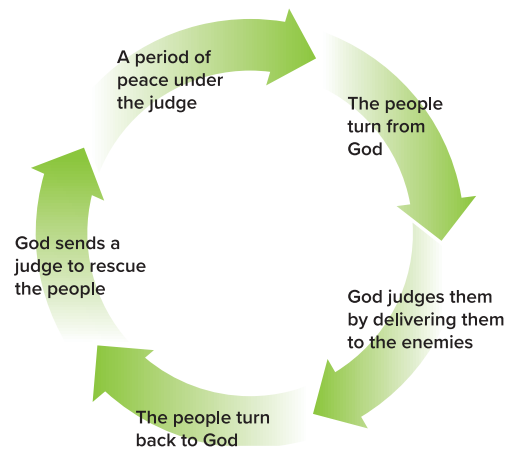
TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about following God?
- How have you experienced the reality of Yahweh Shalom through the uncertainties of this year

POINT IT OUT!

1. THE CYCLE OF JUDGES.

The book of Judges tells of a tragedy because it ends with everyone doing what is good in their own eyes (**Judges 21:25**). There is a "cycle of the Judges"— an overview of what happened throughout the book repeatedly and how things kept getting worse through each cycle.



2. THE LACK OF PEACE IS A RESULT OF SIN

- The Israelites did what was evil, so they were given over to the Midianites and there was no peace in the land.
- It began with the people's sin of forgetting their God (**Judges 6:1-2**).

3. PARTIAL OBEDIENCE IS DISOBEDIENCE

- The Israelites let the Canaanites stay when they were supposed to take over the land completely. Israel did not drive the Canaanites out and let them stay (**Judges 1:27-33**)

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- They mingled with the nations, learned their evil practices and ended up serving idols. These idols became a snare to God's people (**Psalm 106:34-40**).
- Partial obedience can lead to compromise; compromise leads to sin.

4. THE LACK OF PEACE CANNOT BE SOLVED WITHOUT GOD

- The Israelites were overpowered by their enemies as a result of their sin (**Judges 6:2-5**).
- They tried to hide from their problem (the Midianites). They tried to make it work and solve things on their own. There was no mention about God.
- Finally, in **v.6**, Israel cried out to God when they were at the end of their rope.

5. GOD DOES NOT LOOK AT WHO WE ARE BUT WHO WE CAN BE IN HIM

- God shows the people their problem of sin (**Judges 6:7-10**).
- He saw Gideon as a valiant warrior (**v.12**). God also challenged him to deliver Israel (**vv. 14,16**) and called him to be a deliverer.
- It doesn't matter how small or insignificant one is (**v. 15**). God still wants to be with us and partner with us to do great things through us.

6. EXPERIENCE GOD'S PEACE. BE A PEACEMAKER!

- Gideon was fearful but God is the first one to say, "peace to you, do not be afraid"
- Gideon experienced peace YAHWEH SHALOM and he built an altar (**v.24**) to worship Him.
- **SHALOM** means peace; it means all of God's blessings, which produces a sense of well-being; a complete, fulfilled, state of wholeness; unity and restored relationships-- the way things ought to be.
- God delights in the well-being ["prosperity"] of His people (**Psalm 35:27**)!
- Place your trust completely in the Lord by surrendering your life to Him (**Isaiah 26:3-4**).
- Loving the Word of God is important to having peace. Call on the Lord to help you to trust in Him and fall in love with Him (**Psalm 119:165**).
- Experience God's peace through Jesus (**Romans 15:13; John 14:27**) and be a peacemaker for Jesus.

WORKS

APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on God's name: YAHWEH SHALOM, write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make this your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

Simple
Measurable
Appropriate
Realistic
Time-bound

"I will _____

SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray that people will come to know and experience personally Yahweh Shalom in their life. Be a peacemaker to everyone anywhere. Share the good news that we can have peace with God only through the Lord Jesus Christ.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

Upright and moral governance of Public Servants
A God-centered Philippines
Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

Worship and Training Center
Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

Deeper intimate relationship with God
Righteous living
Salvation of family and friends