



In Him we live, move, and have our being. We are in this world, but not of the world, and as we move closer to God and realize who we are in Christ, we can slice through obstacles like a knife through butter and we can walk in victory and even though tens of thousands may fall beside us, we will continue to press on. The life we now live we live by faith in the Son of God, and as we grow in Christlikeness, we learn to act and not react to whatever comes our way, and to have blind faith, spiritual perspective. And peace in the midst of the storm. This is the rest, peace, shelter, covering, blessing, favour, we have in Him as we live a life of total surrender to His will and trust Him with all we have, all we are. We are pressed, but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned, struck down but not destroyed. Though sorrow lasts through the night, joy comes in the morning. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but God delivers Him out of them all. What is this rest, this peace, that we can enter into and how do we walk in this world without circumstances affecting us so much, We sing about this rest and shelter and comfort that we find in the Most High, but are we experiencing it in the full like He desires for us, just what is the inheritance of the saints in this regard?

The Hebrew word *SHALOM* is understood around the world to mean peace. However, *SHALOM* means much more than peace, hello or goodbye.

Strong's Concordance 7965 - Hebrew Shalom A word study in the New King James version for SHALOM says: Completeness, wholeness, health, peace, welfare, safety soundness, tranquility, prosperity, perfectness, fullness, rest, harmony, the absence of agitation or discord. Shalom comes from the root verb *Shalom* meaning to be complete, perfect and full. In modern Hebrew the obviously related word *Shelem* means to pay for, and *Shulam* means to be fully paid.

Sar SHALOM (Prince of Peace) is one of the descriptive names the Bible uses to indicate the ministry and personality of the Messiah: Isaiah 9:6 - The Son of God is completely perfect in all things. So in essence, when you speak out the word *SHALOM* - you are not only proclaiming peace, but all the above meanings of the word over that person - that's a mighty blessing!!!

Numbers 6:24-26: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face upon you and give you SHALOM. In the name of SAR SHALOM - the Prince of Peace.

Luke 1:79

To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Psalm 85:8

I will hear what God the LORD will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints;

Psalm 119:165

Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

Isaiah 32:17

The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

Isaiah 53:5

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

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.

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 in their midst forevermore.

Romans 14:17

for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

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.

1 Corinthians 14:33

For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

Ephesians 2:14

[*Christ Our Peace*] For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

Philippians 4:7

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

Colossians 3:15

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

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

Romans 8:6

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

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.

Abide:

- To remain in a place, to continue to be sure or firm; endure, To dwell or sojourn, to wait patiently for, to accept without objection, to remain stable or fixed in a state, to continue in a place..

Psalms 91:1

[*Safety of Abiding in the Presence of God*] He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty

John 8:31

[*The Truth Shall Make You Free*] Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

John 15:4

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

John 15:5

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

John 15:9

"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

John 15:10

If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

1 John 2:24

Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

Rest:

quiet, silence, stillness; calm, peace, peacefulness, placidity, restfulness, serenity, tranquillity (or tranquility)

Psalm 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

When we focus on God and do not trust in our own strength or attempts, we realize, "Hey, this is the way it was supposed to be since the beginning" and we are transformed by the renewing of our minds, thus we gain insight and foresight when we trust in and confidently hope in the Lord and allow His thoughts to become our thoughts, His heartbeat to become our heartbeat and the Mind of Christ in a situation leaves us with a peace that the world cannot understand, in fact, we end up being a walking contradiction at times – filled with joy and peace and strength even if things in the natural seem like they are falling apart. We need to eat, live, breathe His word and call things that are not as though they are. God does not want us to be passive, but to be a prophetic generation with Eternity in our hearts, equipped to do His work and not only survive, but to truly live for Him. Jesus said that He came so that we can have life in abundance, and that living water will flow from our innermost beings, there will be a well, a treasure that He locks open, and it will increase as we allow Him to be an all-consuming fire in our lives. Even if there is a difficult situation that you have to face, He will show you the crack in the wall to crawl through. And He will open doors and give favour where you need it.. We need to understand spiritual truths and disciplines and change our attitude and perspective, less of us and more of Him, from glory to glory, we grow and learn to walk as He desires for us, by seeking His face continually, praying in tongues & praying in the understanding, worshipping in Spirit and in Truth no matter what our 'reality' is, and letting His Word take hold of us and change us, and be branded on our hearts. As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.. God wants to change us from the inside out and knit us to His heart, so that we can walk in Power to pull down His promises and see His glory. Our souls need to rest in Him continually and react to His voice and touch, we need to be plugged out of the world system, the old worldview needs to be washed from our eyes and as we hold onto Him and walk with Him, we will receive refreshing, renewal and peace that comes from having a real relationship with the living God. Righteousness means to be in right standing with God, holding His hand, seeking His face and putting God first – Our First Love as our be all and end all.

Matthew 6:19-21 (New King James Version)

Lay Up Treasures in Heaven

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

---Where your focus is, your heart will be, that is where your heart will find comfort and if the heart seeks refuge and strength from the Prince of Peace, then the soul's reality is where it's passion lies and all else fades in comparison. New perspective is gained when thoughts and desires are transformed. We come into God's slipstream and move with Him, plugged into Him and His life flows through our veins, He upholds us with His righteous right hand.

Shelter:

- cover, defend, protect, safeguard, screen, shield, ward; domicile, house, place; shade, shadow

God is our Hiding place, our Everything , our very present Help in time of need. He provides the best protection and covering from the outside world and that which can hurt or harm us or make us stray. When we are broken, He is there to bind up our wounds and restore us, even to help us be built up in our most holy faith and rise up in Him stronger than before, whatever plan the enemy planned against you, can be turned around for good, and even the effects can be reversed as we come to Him and seek His face, He says: "When everything inside you tells you to run away, run to Me."

Deuteronomy 33:12

Of Benjamin he said: "The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by Him, Who shelters him all the day long; And he shall dwell between His shoulders."

Joel 3:16

The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.

Knowing God, trusting Him with all of our strength and all of our heart, creates a shifting of gears and when we lose confidence in ourselves, His strength, peace, likeness, thoughts, can take root within us and anchor us against the tides of the world, helping us to swim upstream , to go against the tide and see His promises fulfilled, if we trust Him, then we begin to speak and act according to what we heard Him say in our hearts, we search out and live with the Truth reigning in our hearts.. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith acts like a landing strip for God to step onto the scene in a mighty way. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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We can know that we know that we know a situation will work out, because we are sure of what we do not see (yet)..

Hebrews 6:19

This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the *Presence* behind the veil.

Philippians 3:3

For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Isaiah 43:10

" You are My witnesses," says the LORD, " And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me.

Daniel 11:32

Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

Romans 8:27

Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

2 Corinthians 2:14

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Ezekiel 34:27

Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

Hosea 11:4

I drew them with gentle cords, With bands of love, And I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them.

Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Matthew 11:29

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:30

For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

To walk by faith and not by sight and not fulfill the lust of the flesh or be led astray with natural senses or emotions, we need to hear God's voice, and we need to get away from the rush and noise of life and the confusion in our daily existence and seek God in the Secret place. With His voice in our hearts, echoing in our ears, we can be led safely through any wilderness and live in His perfect will. His voice need to be more real, more a part of us than our circumstances, His voice calms the Storm. His voice is the peace in the Storm.

Ephesians 6:13

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Proverbs 9:10

" The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Genesis 15:6

And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Job 33:26

He shall pray to God, and He will delight in him, He shall see His face with joy, For He restores to man His righteousness.

Psalm 11:7

For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.

Psalm 17:15

As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

Psalm 23:3

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

Psalm 36:10

Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

Psalm 71:16

I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only.

Psalm 85:13

Righteousness will go before Him, And shall make His footsteps our pathway.

Psalm 119:144

The righteousness of Your testimonies is everlasting; Give me understanding, and I shall live.

Proverbs 13:6

Righteousness guards him whose way is blameless, But wickedness overthrows the sinner.

We are not alone and left to ourselves to try to figure things out, Our Lord stands with arms wide open to do a mighty work in us and for us, His lightnings hit the mark, He commands it to strike and as we are in a covenant with Him, whatever things stand as hindrances or steal our peace, He will send fire before Him and consume our 'foes', so we need to let go and let God be God...

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As we pray, we act as a catalyst for change, the spiritual atmosphere around us changes and an atmosphere and attitude of faith – trusting in God, allows us to stand on His promises, to wait on Him and to rest in the knowledge that He is in control. We are a living sacrifice to Him, we know in whom we have believed and are persuaded that everything will work out according to His will.

John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Genesis 15:1

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

Job 14:17

My transgression is sealed up in a bag, And You cover my iniquity.

Psalms 91:4

He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

Isaiah 61:10

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Genesis 49:24

But his bow remained in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel).

The Lord is close to those with a humble, contrite spirit, and if we draw close to God, He will draw close to us. Brokenness is His favourite perfume... The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to prove Himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are loyal to Him.

1 Peter 5:6

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

James 4:6

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

Psalms 59:17

To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; For God is my defense, My God of mercy.

Psalm 22:2-4

3 But You *are* holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel 4 Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them.

We can rest in the Lord and be confident in the Truth as peace reigns in our total being, because the Holy Spirit is our Helper (sunantilambanomai – He takes hold with, together against a situation, like a burden shared between two people, carrying a heavy item together, so it is not strenuous.) Even if we don't have the words and our strength has left us, God takes over and lifts us up...reminding us of Who He is and who we are in Him.

Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

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