



Lesson #8: Jehovah-Shalom

The Hebrew words “Shalom” implies completeness, health, welfare, and prosperity. It denotes a condition of calmness and stillness. It means “_____.” We find God referenced as “Jehovah-Shalom” in the book of Judges. Here, the Lord reveals himself to _____ as the “Lord of peace” (Judges 6:23-24).

There is a constant search for an illusive “peace” in this world. We assume that we would have peace if we just had a decent salary, or a nice home, or were free from sickness and had plenty of food and water. Now, these things are not unimportant but the truth is that these things don’t bring peace. If these things were the foundation of our peace we would constantly be frustrated. True peace is not found in _____ problems but in _____ people.

God’s names were given at specific times of man’s need. And so we find the name “Jehovah-Shalom” appearing in the book of Judges.

THE _____ THAT DESTROYS PEACE

The book of Judges provides striking parallels for those of us who live in a time right now where “everyone does right in their own eyes” (Judges 21:25).

- A. Peace is destroyed when _____ is _____** (Judges 6:1-7)
In the first 7 verses of Judges 6 we read how the children of Israel were once again living in their disobedience. This is a constant pattern for the book of Judges. It is at this point that the Midianites come to wipe them all out. The word “Midian” literally means “_____.” The Midianites come in just like sin comes in because they come in as _____. For after all, sin robs men and woman and society of peace.
- B. Peace is destroyed when God’s servants are _____** (Judges 6:8-10)
In verses 8-10 we read of an unnamed prophet who brought a two part message to the children of Israel.
1. He _____ them of God’s goodness
 2. He _____ them for not obeying God’s voice

When he spoke this wasn’t a time that the children of Israel were eager to hear from the Lord. They instead plugged their ears.

THE _____ GOD GIVES TO THOSE WHO WILL FIND PEACE

The type of people God uses to bring about peace may be a bit surprising. God uses unexpected heroes. All are called of God to accomplish great things.

- A. God commissions people who make _____ assumptions** (6:13)
We can be encouraged in this passage by Gideon. Gideon’s name is going to go down in the _____ of _____ (Hebrews 11:32) and yet the first thing we hear him saying is, “What’s the use. God has _____ us.” Gideon blamed God.
- B. God commissions people who have insufficient _____** (6:14-15)
Gideon continuously repeated his doubts in verses 14-15. He kept thinking, “What can I do? How can I be used? Who is going to listen to me?” Dear Christian, God saves from the _____ to the _____.
- C. God commissions people who are insistent in their _____** (6:17)
Gideon is really a _____. He becomes famous for being the doubting Thomas of the Old Testament. Gideon goes on and on with his apprehension but even with all of his doubts the Lord uniquely uses him.

THE _____ THAT GOD WILL BRING PEACE

God moves Gideon’s perspective off the problems so he can show him true peace.

- A. Peace is confirmed by God’s _____**
God graciously answers doubting Gideon and presents him with promises of sustaining power.
- Judges 6:17-18 – God promises to be _____
 - Judges 6:19-22a – God promises to give him _____
 - Judges 6:22b – God promises that He is in _____
- B. Peace is confirmed by God’s _____**
God allows Gideon to prove that _____ and _____ make a _____. Gideon builds an altar to God and here calls it: “*Jehovah-Shalom*.” This is, in fact, the _____ place in Scripture that we read this name for God. In the circumstances of strife, in the strife of life, God appeared to Gideon and presented Himself as peace.

By way of final application consider topically the peace God has given you.

1. God has given you the _____ of peace (Isaiah 9:6)
2. God has given you a _____ of peace (Romans 5:1)
3. God has given you the _____ of peace (Isaiah 26:3)

Concluding Thoughts

I have no idea the strife that you might be experiencing today. Perhaps there is a Midian who is pillaging and plundering you. Where do you find peace? God introduced himself at a specific time of Israel’s _____ and said, “I am JEHOVAH-SHALOM – I am the God of _____!”