

The Mystery of Peace

Season 2 Episode 11

INTRODUCTION:

The prophets of the Bible prophesied that in the last days people would cry out for peace.

- The Apostle James wrote that war comes from a lack of godliness in mankind.
 - Is it possible for man to have peace without God's rule in their life?
 - Is there some act of the Divine that is needed to bring peace?
 - » Is that act internal to man or external, and if it is external to man is it just another set of rules that man has to follow?

TALKING POINTS: Teaching Session 1

In **Luke 24:36**, Jesus appears to the disciples after His crucifixion and the first word he speaks to them is, *shalom*, or "peace be with you."

- The way Jesus said the word *shalom* was not like He was simply making conversation—Jesus was making a statement of fact.
- The peace Jesus was proclaiming was about more than their momentary fear and confusion.
- Just as Jesus had commanded peace to the storm on the Sea of Galilee, the peace that Jesus spoke to them calmed the storm in the room that night.

There are two types of peace found in Scripture.

- The first type of peace is the internal peace we receive with God as we are reconciled to Him through the death and resurrection of Jesus.
 - It is peace within ourselves as we experience an "inner harmony" of our plans and God's purposes walking on the same pathway together.
 - Jesus was at peace and confident in His life because He perfectly observed and followed God's will.
 - This type of peace—*with* God—has to do with our trust and obedience to His direction in our life.

- The second type of peace is the by-product or fruit of the first—it is the peace “of God.”
 - The peace of God allows us to walk in peace with others as well as walking in peace as we traverse life’s circumstances and situations.
 - This eventually becomes peace around us but also translates in to peace for others.
 - This peace is the absence of disturbance, a calm and tranquil soul.
 - » It is the ability to maintain a quiet equilibrium even if surrounded by tumultuous events.
 - This is the peace that passes all understanding.
- We cannot have the peace of God until we first have peace with God.
 - The peace of God flows from peace with God.
- Peace with God has more to do with relationship and the peace of God is what happens as a result of that relationship.

TALKING POINTS: Teaching Session 2

Jesus more than likely spoke in the dialect of His people.

- Jesus was a Jew, teaching Jewish disciples.
- The language of the Romans who ruled the Jews was Latin.
- The common language of the merchants in that time was Greek, but the language of the Jewish people remained Hebrew.

The Hebrew language:

- It is both an alphabetic language and a “pictographic” language, meaning the Hebrew alphabet depicts pictures or drawings of what each letter means.
 - The way one joins those letters together or writes them, then tells a story.
 - » For example, the fourth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is the *dalet*, and it looks like this “d”. Dalet means the door.
 - » Pictographically, it means the low door to the mysteries and the only way to enter this door is through humility.
 - » Whenever you see the *dalet* used in a Hebrew written word you know the word includes a door, or an entrance to something.

The word peace in Hebrew is the word *shalom*, and it is written, **Mwølv**.

- Pictographically, *shalom* means more than just to “relax”.
 - It means, “the removal of chaos and anarchy that results in calm and tranquility.”
- The first step to peace is not telling someone to be calm, it is saying to remove chaos and anarchy.
 - The result will then be calm and tranquility.

Jesus displayed this very meaning of peace when He commanded the winds and waves to obey him.

- Jesus stood in the boat in a storm on the Sea of Galilee, and being a Jew, simply said, “shalom.”
- The Biblical account of this incidence in **Mark 4** says that when Jesus spoke this “the wind ceased and there was a great calm.”
 - Jesus removed the chaos and anarchy that the evil one was causing, and the result was calm and tranquility—not only to the Sea, but in the hearts of those in the boat.
- This is also what happened in that room the night Jesus materialized to His disciples.
 - Jesus was not merely telling the disciples to calm down, he was removing the fear, chaos, and any other thought the evil one might be trying to impose on them.

The simplest meaning of *shalom*, or peace, is “fear, chaos and anarchy leave, calm and tranquility come!”

- Whenever you see the word “peace” used in the Bible, think “*shalom*”.
- The word *shalom* is used for peace 209 times.
- The removal of fear, chaos, and anarchy and the resultant calm and tranquility comes when Satan’s efforts are destroyed.
 - Scripture tells us that Jesus came to destroy the works of the evil one.

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of *peace*, who bring glad tidings of good things! (**Romans 10:15**)

- The gospel is not just the good news of how to be saved, it is also the good news that we do not have to live a life dominated by fear, chaos, and anarchy.
- Those things can be removed and we can live a life of calm and tranquility because of what Jesus did.
- That is why it is called the “gospel of peace.”

TALKING POINTS: Teaching Session 3

The peace that Jesus came to provide for us is not a peace that this world can have, because they have made themselves slaves of darkness.

- Darkness cannot tell darkness to “be gone.”
- In **John 16:33** Jesus said, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”
 - Jesus was saying that the evil one will try to overwhelm you with the cares of this world, but do not let the fear, chaos, and anarchy that you will see limit your thinking, because He had overcome the world and we are not subject to the demonic forces that rule it.
- There is no fear, no chaos, no anarchy that Jesus has not overcome.
- If we live our lives in Him, then there is no fear, chaos, or anarchy that we cannot overcome.
 - The result is that we can live a life of calm and tranquility at a level the world cannot live.

Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, prophesied that the Messiah—Jesus—would bring light into darkness and provide a way to “guide our feet into the way of peace.” (**Luke 1:79**)

- We do not live in the fear, chaos, or anarchy of darkness.
 - We live in the Kingdom of God’s most marvelous light and that Kingdom rules with peace.
- Every time peace is ascribed to a body part it is always applied to your feet.
 - Your feet touch the earth, therefore, the Earth itself is touched by the peace you carry—in fact it groans in anticipation of the manifestation of the removal of the chaos and anarchy that happens when it is touched with the peace you carry.
 - When you walk with a lack of fear, chaos, and anarchy, you literally bring peace to the earth.
 - We have the ability to give that which is inside us without being distracted by the personal circumstance in which we’re currently walking.

Peace is transferable.

- Jesus said in John 14:27, “My peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you.”

- In **Matthew 10:13** He says, when you go into a house and you find “the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.”
 - For you to be able to leave peace at a house, or take your peace with you when you leave, peace must be transferable.

Peace from God comes through relationship.

- With relationship comes authority.
 - Authority commands the waves of the storms in our life to be calm.
 - Authority commands fear, chaos, and anarchy to leave and calm tranquility to come.
 - Authority is not so much a thing you do, authority is something you walk in.
- When you walk into a house, you are to use that authority to bring Shalom and if the household comes to agreement with Jesus as their savior, and into relationship with you, you are to leave the house full of Shalom—because you carry authority from God.
- The Kingdom of God works through relationship—mankind with God and mankind with each other.
 - God commands a blessing in the Kingdom of God, that blessings is authority, and that authority brings peace.

CONCLUSION:

When you walk in authority anything that tries to oppose what God is wanting to do through you, is then opposing God’s purposes on Earth. When you recognize this, you can command that opposition to leave. Fear, chaos, and anarchy are the top three opponents to God’s purposes, and evil will try to use these to stop you.

The prophet Isaiah wrote, that God will keep you in perfect peace, if your mind is fixed on Him, because you trust in God. The peace of God is a peace that passes all understanding because it is not the peace the world defines as peace. Peace comes through relationship with God and the resulting trust you build in Him through that relationship.

Jesus told us this when He said, “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.” Jesus was saying, do not allow the world to define peace, they do not understand what true peace is all about. Do not let chaos rule you, do not let fear rule you, do not let anarchy rule you—the peace I give you removes them all.

No other religion can make you this promise. No other religion offers you a deep, personal, intimate relationship with God. Relationship with God is a give and take relationship. You give your confusion to God, He gives you Peace to end that confusion. You place your life in God's hands, He places authority in your hands. You give your life to God, He gives everlasting life to you.

Peace is interior to you, but as your relationship with the Father grows, it reaches beyond you to touch everything you come near—including store clerks, friends at work and family members. This is why the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Peace because He comes to remove fear, chaos, and anarchy. As you understand peace, you will understand why Jesus, in His sermon on the beatitudes, said "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called Sons of God."