

The Names of God

Jehovah Shalom

*"So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it The-LORD-Is-Peace.
To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites."
Judges 6:24*

Day 1

Pray before you begin your study this week.

Judges 5 is what is referred to as the Song of Deborah. Deborah, a prophetess, was a judge in Israel and wrote this song to commemorate Israel's victory over Sisera, the commander of King Jabin's army.

Read the last sentence in Chapter 5. Under Deborah's leadership, how did the Israelites fare?

Write out the beginning of Judges 6:1.

Read Judges 6:1-10 and then answer the following questions.

What happened when the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD? vs. 1

Where did the children of Israel dwell because of the Midianites? vs. 2

What would happen when the Israelites had sown? vss. 3-4

What was the result of this? vs. 6

What did the LORD do when they cried out to Him? vss. 7-8

What was his message from the LORD? vss. 8-10

In spite of all that the LORD said He did for Israel, what did Israel do? (Write out the end of verse 10.)

Day 2

Pray.

In Judges 6:11-24 we are introduced to a man named Gideon. Answer the following questions.

Where do we find Gideon, and why, in verse 11?

What does the Angel of the LORD say to Gideon? vs. 12

What is odd about this statement?

What in Gideon's response shows his understanding of God? vs. 13

Again the Angel of the LORD addresses Gideon. What are His instructions to him? vs. 14

Gideon begins to make excuses. What are they? vs. 15

But the LORD is adamant. What assurance does He give Gideon? vs. 16

What happens next? vss. 17-21

What is Gideon's conclusion? vs. 22

How does the LORD comfort him? vs. 23

How does Gideon respond to this? vs. 24

Day 3

Pray.

Looking back at the previous days' text, how would you describe Gideon?

Did Gideon see himself as God saw him? Why or why not?

Despite Gideon's excuses and his apprehension, what in the text showed God's view of him? (Record the things God said in the text and the verse number.)

Why do you think Gideon named the altar *The-LORD-is-Peace*?

Look up *Jehovah-shalom* in the original language and write its definition here. (Using Blue Letter Bible, find the verse, go to the Interlinear tab under Tools, and click on the number.)

Gideon is going through a trial wondering why God is allowing such a terrible thing to happen. Sound familiar? Look up the following verses to get some insight as to why God allows us to experience suffering.

Gen. 3:17/Rom. 5:12

John 9:1-3

2 Cor. 1:3-4

2 Cor. 12:7-9

James 1:2-4

1 Pet. 1:6-7

Reflection: Which one of the above verses is ringing true in your life right now? Take it, meditate on it, memorize it, write it out. Life is not random. God has purpose in every aspect of our lives, even our sufferings. Gideon was a human like us. He knew his limitations. God had to remind him of who he was with God's help. You don't walk alone! "Surely I will be with you..." Thank Him for this truth!

Day 4

Pray.

Peace is an attribute that escapes us regularly. Humanly speaking, it is dependent upon our circumstances. It's certainly not what we initially experience when a trial hits.

Look up the following verses and record from where/whom our peace comes.

Ps. 29:11

Ps. 85:8

Ps. 119:165

Is. 9:6

Is. 26:3

Is. 26:12

Jn. 14:27

Jn. 16:33

1 Cor. 14:33

Gal. 5:22

Phil 4:7

2 Thes. 3:16

1 Pet 5:7

Think back on a time you experienced unrest and uncertainty. Record how God gave you His peace to navigate your circumstance.

Digging Deeper: What does it take to experience God's peace? Site Scripture when possible.

Day 5 Review

Pray.

Journal your thoughts and/or questions regarding the name *The-LORD-is-Peace, Jehovah-shalom*.