



Ex. 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and **they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?**

14 And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you.

- ❖ While observing the “burning bush,” Moses was discussing with the Lord about going back to Egypt, and asked God for identification to relate to the Israelites:
- ❖ The Hebrew word that is the English transliteration of “I AM THAT I AM” is commonly called the Tetragrammaton

Tetragrammaton

noun

the Hebrew word for God, consisting of the four letters *yod*, *he*, *vav*, and *he*, transliterated consonantly usually as *YHVH*, now pronounced as *Adonai* or *Elohim* in substitution for the original pronunciation forbidden since the 2nd or 3rd century BC.

<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/tetragrammaton>

Ex. 6:3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of* God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

Original Word: יהוה

Part of Speech: Proper Name **Transliteration:** Yhvh

Definition: the proper name of the God of Israel

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/3068.htm>

- ❖ God appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as *El Shaddai*, but to Moses as *Jehovah*.

We have already considered the English usage of “J” instead of “Y” which produced the transliteration of JHVH as Jehovah.

We have covered three variations of Jehovah:

Jehovah-El Elyon = *The Lord Most High*,

Jehovah-Jireh = *The Lord Our Provider* and

Jehovah-Rapha = *The Lord Our Healer* (also,

Jehovah-Rophi).

Tonight, as we continue “JESUS – NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES,” we observe another “Jehovah Title” –

Jehovah-Shalom = *The Lord of Our Peace* – Jud. 6:24;

Eph. 2:14

Judges 6:24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it **Jehovahshalom**: unto this day it *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Eph. 2:14 For **he is our peace**, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;

Peace (noun)

1. The normal, nonwarring condition of a nation, group of nations, or the world.
2. A state of mutual harmony between people or groups, especially in personal relations:
3. Cessation of or freedom from any strife or dissension.
4. Freedom of the mind from annoyance, distraction, anxiety, an obsession, etc.; tranquillity; serenity.
5. A state of tranquillity or serenity:

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/peace?s=t>

❖ Most people in our world don't understand peace as a positive concept. All they know is the negative aspect of peace, which is merely the absence of trouble.

❖ Peace = freedom from disturbance

The definition of *peace* in many languages of the world illustrates that. For example, the (Ketch-wah)

Quechua Indians, descendants of the Incas in Ecuador and Bolivia use a word for peace that literally translates, "to sit down in one's heart."

For them peace is the opposite of running around in the midst of constant anxieties. The **Chol Indians of Mexico, of Mayan descent, define peace as "a quiet heart."** Those may be beautiful ways to put it, but they still seem to leave us with only the negative idea that peace is the absence of trouble.

Close to the meaning of the Hebrew word *shalom* is the word used by the Kekchi Indians of Guatemala, who define peace as "quiet goodness." The term they use conveys the idea of something that is active and aggressive, not just a rest in one's own heart away from troublesome circumstances.

<https://www.gty.org/library/articles/P21/The-Gift-of-Peace>

- ❖ Due to circumstances of trouble being ever present in Gideon's life, he did NOT have peace within his soul.
- ❖ **The biblical concept of peace does not focus on the absence of trouble.** Biblical peace is unrelated to circumstances; it is a goodness of life that is **not** touched by what happens on the outside.
- ❖ Peace is available when mankind focuses on the Creator:

Isa. 26:3 “Thou wilt keep *him* in **perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee...**”

Psa. 119:165 **Great peace have they which love thy law:**
and nothing shall offend them.

- ❖ You may be in the midst of great trials and still have biblical peace.
- ❖ Paul said he could be content in any circumstance; and he demonstrated that he had peace even in the jail at Philippi, where he sang and remained confident that God was being gracious to him. Then when the opportunity arose, he communicated God's goodness to the Philippian jailer, and brought him and his family to salvation.

Phil. 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for **I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.**

- ❖ Peace, most often, is considered to be the absence of anything unsettling the soul.
- ❖ Peace = Harmony within the soul when everything without is chaos.

I. THE FEAR OF MAN, 6:11

Judges 6:11 And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which *was* in Ophrah, that *pertained* unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son **Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide *it* from the Midianites.**

A. Existing with fear – “...Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress...”

Judges 6:1 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.

2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: *and* because of the Midianites **the children of Israel made them the dens which are in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds.**

Prov. 29:25 **The fear of man bringeth a snare:** but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

B. Existing and failing – “...to hide *it* from the Midianites.”

Prov. 28:1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but **the righteous are bold as a lion.**

II. THE FAITH FOR MAN, 6:12

Judges 6:12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, **The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.**

A. The Appearance of the LORD (Theophany) – “...And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him...”

B. The Assurance from the LORD – “...The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour.”

❖ Courage accompanies peace when a believer is focused upon the Lord Jesus Christ and has fellowship with Him, knowing His presence is always available.

Heb. 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and **be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

❖ Gideon did NOT immediately become a courageous deliverer.

III. THE FAILINGS OF MAN, 6:13-15

A. The Questioning of God, 6:13

Judges 6:13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, **if the LORD be with** us, why then is all this befallen us? and where *be* all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

❖ Like Gideon, believers today know about the power of God and His deliverance of the children of Israel before, during, and after the Exodus, but fail to apply such power on a daily basis.

B. The Quest for God, 6:14 “...Go...have not I sent thee?”

Judges 6:14 And **the LORD looked upon him**, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: **have not I sent thee?**

- ❖ God saw a deliverer in Gideon, even if Gideon had low self-esteem and lacked confidence to serve God.
- ❖ Gideon, like too many believers today, forgot about trusting God and His promises.
- ❖ Walk by faith and...GO!

IV. THE FUTURE FOR MAN, 6:16, 22-24

A. Overcoming Fear

Judges 6:16 And the LORD said unto him, **Surely I will be with thee**, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. ...

- ❖ Focusing upon fellowship with the Savior – v. 16 “...Surely I will be with thee...”
- ❖ Fighting the good fight of faith – “...thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

B. Obeying by Faith – Judges 6:22-24

Judges 6:22 And when Gideon perceived that he *was* an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, **O Lord GOD!** for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.

23 And the LORD said unto him, **Peace be unto thee; fear not:** thou shalt not die.

24 **Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom:** unto this day it *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

❖ By knowing Jehovah-Shalom, Gideon was motivated to put faith in action, trusting God for His deliverance, being enshrined into the “Hall of Fame of Faith.”

Heb 11:32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to **tell of Gedeon**, and *of* Barak, and *of* Samson, and *of* Jephthae; *of* David also, and Samuel, and *of* the prophets:

Summary

- ❖ Gideon was in turmoil and greatly distressed by the circumstances around him.
- ❖ By knowing Jehovah-Shalom = *The Lord of Our Peace*, Gideon was a vessel that God could use to deliver Israel from the Midianites.
- ❖ Gideon's fear was overcome by his faith in his Creator's confidence.
- ❖ The power of Jehovah-Shalom and the peace He offers are very much present and available to His believers today.

Heb. 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Jn. 14:27 **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:** not as the world giveth, give I unto you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

Conclusion

1 Tim. 6:6 But **godliness with contentment is great gain.**

7 For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment **let us be therewith content.**

1 Pet. 5:7 **Casting all your care upon him;** for he careth for you.

Mark 4:37 And **there arose a great storm** of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 And **he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.**

40 And he said unto them, **Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?**

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?