



CALL ON HIS

NAME

Christmas – God is **with** you

Easter – God is **for** you

Pentecost – God is **in** you

Jehovah Shalom

The Lord is Peace



Judges 6:24

Jehovah = the **Self-Existent One**,
the **Great I Am**

Shalom = **Peace** - a state of tranquility, quiet,
harmony and well-being; freedom
from disturbance, violence, disorder

Two important lessons to learn:

1. Disobedience brings **Problems**
2. Obedience brings **Peace**

Judges 6:1-24

The Israelites **did evil** in the eyes of the LORD, and for **seven years** he gave them into the hands of the Midianites.

² Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds. ³ Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country. ⁴ They camped on the land and ruined the crops all the way to Gaza and did not spare a living thing for Israel, neither sheep nor cattle nor donkeys. ⁵ They came up with their livestock and their tents like swarms of locusts. It was impossible to count them or their camels; they invaded the land to ravage it.

Judges 6:1-24

⁶ Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they **cried out to the LORD for help.** ⁷ When the Israelites cried out to the LORD because of Midian, ⁸ he sent them a **prophet**, who said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I **brought** you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ⁹ I **rescued** you from the hand of the Egyptians. And I **delivered** you from the hand of all your oppressors; I **drove** them out before you and **gave** you their land.

¹⁰ I **said** to you, 'I am the LORD your God; **do not worship** the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.' **But you have not listened to me."**

Judges 6:1-24

¹¹ The **angel of the LORD** came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezerite, where his son **Gideon** was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. ¹² When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "**The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.**" ¹³ "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

Judges 6:1-24

¹⁴ The LORD turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?” ¹⁵ “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.” ¹⁶ The LORD answered, “**I will be with you**, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.”

Judges 6:1-24

¹⁷ Gideon replied, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. ¹⁸ Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you." And the LORD said, "I will wait until you return." ¹⁹ Gideon went inside, prepared a young goat, and from an ephah of flour he made bread without yeast. Putting the meat in a basket and its broth in a pot, he brought them out and offered them to him under the oak.

Judges 6:1-24

²⁰ The angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And Gideon did so. ²¹ Then the angel of the LORD touched the meat and the unleavened bread with the tip of the staff that was in his hand. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the LORD disappeared.

Judges 6:1-24

²² When Gideon realized that **it was the angel of the LORD**, he exclaimed, "Alas, Sovereign LORD! I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!" ²³ But the LORD said to him,

"Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die."

²⁴ So Gideon **built an altar to the LORD** there and called it **The LORD Is Peace**. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Two Important Lessons

1. Disobedience bring **Problems**

Actions:

Strayed from faith in God = **unbelief**

Did evil in the eyes of God = **disobedience**

Followed after other nations = **compromise**

Drifted away from God = **unfaithful**

Worshipped other gods = **insult**

Had no fear of God = **corrupt and sinful**

Had no respect for God = **disbelief and dishonor**

Two Important Lessons

1. Disobedience bring **Problems**

Consequences:

7 years of oppression/suffering

Invasion and deprivation,

Defeat and captivity

Poverty and misery

Sickness and disease

Mental and physical depression

No joy, peace, security, food, goods, home, confidence, etc.

Two Important Lessons

1. Disobedience bring **Problems**

Appeal:

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.

14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

Two Important Lessons

2. Obedience bring **Peace**

Actions:

Return to God sincerely

Repent of all your sins

Renounce and **Reject** other gods in your life

Renew your allegiance to God

Recommit your life to God

Revere Him and His Word

Two Important Lessons

2. Obedience bring **Peace**

Results:

Restoration of His:

Presence and Assurance

Peace and Joy – to face all situations in life

Respect and Honor

Blessings, Riches, Resources

Faith and Confidence

Anointing and Covering/Protection

Authority and Power

Two Important Lessons

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Appeal:

Deuteronomy 10:12

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to **fear the Lord your God**, to **walk in all his ways**, to **love him**, to **serve the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul.

1 Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, **do all to the glory of God.**

Challenge

- 1. Live your life to honor and glorify God and do everything to magnify His name.**
- 2. Trust God and rest assured that the Prince of Peace will be with you at all times and in all situations.**

Challenge

Isaiah 26:3-4

³ You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast (stayed on You), because they trust in you.

⁴ Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal.

Challenge

Psalm 119:165

**Great peace have those who love Your law.
And **nothing can make them stumble.**"**

No storms of life can shake, trouble, or overwhelm you because “you will not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, you will present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:6-7)