

## **10—The Lord is Peace**

11/10/24

### **INTRO:**

I. Priestly Intro (1), Northern Hero Story (2-6), Deut Prophet (7-10)

II. ➔ **Judges 6:11-24**

*11 Then the angel of Yahweh came, and sat under the oak which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite. And his son Gideon was threshing wheat in the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. The angel of Yahweh appeared to him, and said to him, **"Yahweh is with you, mighty man of valor."***

*➔ 13 But Gideon said to him, "Oh, my Lord, if Yahweh is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wondrous works which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not Yahweh bring us up from Egypt?' But now Yahweh has forsaken us, and given us into the hand of Midian." But Yahweh turned to him and said, **"Go in the strength you have, and save Israel from the hand of Midian. Am I not sending you?"***

*➔ 15 But he said to him, "Oh, my Lord, how shall I save Israel? Behold, my family is poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in house of my father." But Yahweh said to him, **"Surely I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man."***

*➔ 21 Then the angel of Yahweh stretched forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes. And a fire rose up out of the rock and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of Yahweh departed out of his sight. Then Gideon saw that he was the angel of Yahweh. So Gideon said, **"Alas, Yahweh is Lord! Because I have seen the angel of Yahweh face to face."***

*➔ 23 Then Yahweh said to him, **"Peace unto you. Do not fear. You shall not die."** Then Gideon built an altar there to Yahweh, and called it **Yahweh-Shalown**. To this day it remains in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.*

- III. Heb (*shalom*) fulfillment, completion, maturity, soundness, wholeness (both individual and communal), community, harmony, tranquillity, security, well-being, welfare, friendship, agreement, success, and prosperity.

## Body:

### I. Peace Over Trauma

- A. Trauma keeps us from seeing ourselves the way God does.
- 1) **Matthew 6:22-23**  
*"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness."*
  - 2) **PTSD**—Exposure to a traumatic event: sexual assault, warfare, traffic collisions, child abuse, domestic violence, or other threats on a person's life
    - A. Intrusive, reoccurring recollections
    - B. Dissociative episodes of reliving the trauma ("flashbacks")
    - C. Nightmares
    - D. Fight-or-flight response where no danger is present
- B. Jesus speaks a word that heals us and restores our peace.
- 1) *"Yahweh is with you, mighty man of valor"*
  - 2) **John 14:27**  
*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."*
  - 3) **OUR COUNTRY STILL HEALING FROM COVID**  
Speaking a word of peace

### II. Peace Over Doubt

- A. We have more strength in His presence than we realize.
- 1) *"Go in the strength you have"*  
*"Surely I will be with you"*

2) **Isaiah 41:10**

*So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

3) **ISAIAH GIVING HEZEKIAH THE NAME IMMANUEL**

4) *"Yahweh imaka"*

B. His overcoming peace releases us to do what we need to do.

1) **Hebrews 13:20-21**

*May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus . . . equip you with everything good for doing his will.*

2) **SEBUISCUIT—A LITTLE BANGED UP**

Speaking a word of peace

### **III. Peace Over Fear**

*"Peace unto you. Do not fear. You shall not die."*

*"Yahweh Shalom l'ka"*

A. Peace is not absence of struggle but absence of fear.

1) "Peace is not the absence of conflict, it the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means."—Ronald Reagan

2) **Philippians 4:6-7**

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

3) Do not let your peace be dependent on who won

B. As long the Lord is our Peace, we have all we need.

1) **Hebrews 13:5**

*Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*

2) **DAVE PASSING WITH REINDEER RUN T-SHIRT**

## **OTHER SCRIPTURES:**

Colossians 1:19-20

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Ephesians 2:14-15

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility . . . His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations.

Hebrews 2:14-15

He too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death . . . and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.