

The Names of God 4

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Text: Matt 24:4-14

4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. NKJV

The reality of the days among us, religious, economic and social pressures from every side. This sounds the newspapers and 11:00 news of today. News like this is likely to cause tension

3 Sources of Tension...

When circumstances are uncontrollable

When people are unchangeable

When problems are unexplainable

This is fact, but the truth is.... Paul said something like this...

2 Cor 4:8-9

8 We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed-- NKJV

Paul refers to a title of the name of God –

Heb 13:20

Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, NKJV

I. I call your attention to THE PECULIAR TITLE UNDER WHICH GOD IS ADDRESSED IN THIS PRAYER: "**Now, the God peace.**" The names of God employed in prayer in holy Scripture are always significant. Holy men of old were not so poverty-stricken in language as always to address God under one name, nor were they so careless as to speak with him under such a title as might first come to hand; but in their approaches to the Most High they carefully regarded that attribute of the divine nature from which they expected the blessing which they desired.

If they needed that their enemies should be overthrown they **pleaded with the arm of His strength; El Shadai**. If they were wrongfully entreated, **they prayed to the God of righteousness**; if they needed pardon for their sins, they pleaded with the God of mercy; and such names as Jehovah, Elohim, Shaddai, are not used indiscriminately in the prayers of the saints of old, but always with selection and judgment. Why, then, did the apostle here call God "the God of peace"? He had a reason; what was it?

It is a Pauline expression . You find that title only in the writings of Paul. **Found 6 times** It is a name of Paul's own coinage by the teaching of the Holy Ghost. There were reasons in Paul's experience which led him to dwell upon this peculiar trait of the divine character.

Each man, seeing with his own eyes, sees something peculiar in the name of the Lord; and the apostle of the Gentiles when writing to Hebrew believers saw with special clearness the God of peace, who had made both Jew and Gentile to be one in Christ, so making peace.

If you look in the Epistle to the **Romans, 15:33**, you find him praying, "Now, the God of peace be with you all"

In the same epistle, **chapter 16:20**, he says, "The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly."

Again, in **2Corinthians, 13:11**, he says, " Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

In **Phil 4:9**, he thus concludes his exhortation: "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you"

1Thess 5:23, there is a passage strikingly parallel to our text. He there prays, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly"

Jehova Shalome The God of Peace

The reality of the conditions around us... We need the God of Peace! It's seems that Peace is afar off.

Definition – Nothing Broken, nothing missing - God takes life's pieces and gives us unbroken peace.

Ps 23:2

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. NKJV

Point One: Before experiencing peace, We must have Peace with God

Rom 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, NKJV

A STATE OF PEACE WITH GOD.

Naturally we have no peace. God is angry with us because we are sinful, and we are at variance with God because He is holy. God cannot agree with us-"Can two walk together except they be agreed?"

Amos 3:3. And we cannot agree with God, for "the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be"

Rom 8:7. There is a breach between the rebellious creature and the righteous Creator.

We **kick** against His providence, we **rebel** against His commands, we **resist** His Holy Spirit, we **reject** His love as manifested in the death of Christ, and we should live and die in this hostility if it were not for His almighty grace.

Before ever we can enjoy peace within our hearts there must be a state of peace established between us and God. Faith brings us into the state of peace.

FAITH GIVES US THE SENSE OF PEACE.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God"

Will you please to notice that the **sense of peace** follows upon the **state of peace**. We do not get peace before we are justified, neither is peace a means of justification. No, we are justified first. "While we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" Rom 5:6. God justifies the ungodly. We have no peace till that is done.

Peace rules the day when Christ rules the mind.

Phil 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which **surpasses all understanding**, will guard (Umpire) your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. NKJV

Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

This peace with God makes us delight in Him. I am sure that every soul here that has been justified by faith delights in God. You do not always feel Him equally near, but when He is near it is the joy of your spirit. What are the best and happiest moments you ever know? Are those in which you have communion with God?

Finding God, you have no need to seek peace, for he himself is your peace. Frances J. Roberts

Point One: ACCEPT what cannot be changed

Phil 4:11-13

11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. NKJV

Peace is not the absence of conflict from life, but the ability to cope with it.

Peace is the deliberate adjustment of my life to the will of God.

Point Two: TRUST IN God's Loving Care

Isa 26:3

You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. NKJV

Prov 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. NKJV

Point Three: Surrender to God's Loving Control

Rom 8:6

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. NKJV

Ps 119:165

Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble. NKJV

Receive HIS PEACE -

Text: John 20:19-23

19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

20 Now when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

22 And when He had said this, **He breathed on them**, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

The disciples Scene = were hiding here in a time after the crucifixion of Christ, The Jewish people were after them and the Roman Government we trying to stamp them out. Jesus walks through the doors, invades their secret hiding place. And Says – Peace be with you

John 20:22

[Receive ye the Holy Spirit]

Naturally, they could not experience the Peace of God, lest the Lord breathe on them. He breathed on Him them the same life that was breathed into ADAM and He became a living soul.

Every word of Christ which is received in the heart by faith comes accompanied by this divine breathing; and, without this, there is neither light nor life in the daily circumstances.

We need to allow Christ to breathe the Holy Spirit into our hearts, when we are truly filled with His Spirit we can walk in a supernatural state of PEACE. Nothing broken, lacking or nothing missing.

How can we point a sinner In the way of Christ, if we have not peace in our entrance. We need the Breath of God upon our frightful souls.

John 20:21

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

Then said Jesus to them again-now that they were not only calmed, but prepared to listen to Him in a new character.

John 14:27

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. NKJV