

## 16. Jesus is the Prince of Peace

“To us a child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of Hosts will do this.” (Isaiah 9:6–7)

### Peace on the Sea

“A great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. .... And He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.” (Mark 4:37, 39)

### Peace in the Heart

“They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. .... He(Jesus) was saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” .... And they came to Jesus and saw the demon–possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind.” (Mark 5:1–4, 8, 15)

### King of Peace?

I have pondered over why the prophecy does not name Jesus the King of Peace. Perhaps during the first coming of Jesus, as a lamb, He is a harbinger of the time to come. Jesus speaks peace to storms on the sea and in the breast of a troubled man. These are tastes of the time to come, when Jesus will return as King and “wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore.” (Revelation 21:4)

For now, we must expectantly wait for the King to return and establish His kingdom forever.

### He is Our Peace

“For He Himself is our peace.” (Ephesians 2:14)

“You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me One who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ....

He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth. And He shall be their peace.” (Micah 5:2, 4–5)

## **Come Into His Presence with Singing**

### **I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day**

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men."

I thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along the unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Till, ringing singing, on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,  
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head:  
"There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

## **Give Thanks unto Him**

Thank You for making peace through Your cross.

"He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross." (Colossians 1:18-20)

Thank You for giving us Your peace.

"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, nor let it be fearful." (John 14:27)

Thank You for giving us peace among the tumults of this world.

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Thank You for making a way for us to have peace with God.

"Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1)

Thank you for a taste of perfect peace.

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you." (Isaiah 26:3)

## Bless His Name: Jesus the Prince and Coming King of Peace

“Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the **God of Love and Peace** will be with you.” (2 Corinthians 13:11 NLT)

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6–7 NLT)

“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the **God of Peace** will be with you.” (Philippians 4:8–9 NLT)

“May the **Lord of Peace** himself give you peace at all times in every way.” (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

”May the **God of Peace** Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.” (1 Thessalonians 5:23–24)

“May the LORD bless you and protect you.

May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the LORD show you His favor and give you His peace.”

(Numbers 6:24–26)