



Cultivating Shalom: Part 1

May the God who parted the Red Sea for the Israelites as they fled Egypt part any obstacle in your life that would hinder your freedom. May you taste the exhilaration of not only your salvation, but also your deliverance from besetting sin. May you drink in the pursuit of your deepest dreams as your Father redeems your life and reveals your purpose. And may you savor the overflowing fulfillment of belonging to his family, forever and ever. Amen

“And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ‘Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, ‘This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them:

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.” Numbers 6:22-27 (NKJV)

PEACE

freedom from disturbance; quiet and tranquility, calm, restfulness, quiet, freedom from or the cessation of war or violence, law and order, lawfulness, order, peacefulness, harmony, nonviolence.

HEBREW WORD FOR PEACE IS SHALOM

In addition to peace, it means wholeness, completeness, a state of being unbroken. *Shalom* is the sense of well-being that comes when brokenness is made whole again.

“Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.”
Psalm 34:14 (NIV)

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 “Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. 5 No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. 7 “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:1-9 (NIV)

THREE THINGS WE NEED TO DO:

1. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips
2. Meditate on it day and night
3. So that you may be careful to do everything written in it

Then you will be prosperous and successful.