



“They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, saying, “Peace, peace!” when there is no peace.” Jeremiah 6:14

Shalom – peace – is not the absence of conflict, but rather it is a bold declaration of the Kingdom of God’s manifestation within our lives and hearts even while we live in the midst of this fallen and temporal world – a world full of chaos and trouble!

“The Hebrew and Greek words for “salvation” imply the ideas of deliverance, safety, preservation, healing, and soundness. Salvation is the all inclusive word of the Gospel, gathering into itself all the redemptive acts and process.”¹ Likewise the Old Testament word for Shalom means a wholeness of the entire human being. Literally then shalom means, “nothing missing, nothing broken.”²

Striving to obtain biblical promises without first coming to this shalom with God only brings further confusion and internal conflict of heart. To preach a gospel apart from the need for personal repentance and personal faith in Christ’s finished work at Calvary is to preach an incomplete gospel. To preach such an incomplete message is to cry “peace, peace” when there is no peace.”

We have peace with God only through personal repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1 – 2). Any other attempt at securing peace is a false peace and thus the person is lulled into a false security with God. Literally then, their heart has only been “slightly healed.” To attend to such superficial wounds rather than the deep, spiritual issues that are healed only by a repentant faith in Christ is to offer people a grievous non-solution.

“Father, in our witness for Jesus, help us to never merely attempt to appease people and make them only feel better, but help us to share in such a way that they may truly know You Who are – Yahweh Shalom!”

¹ Scofield Study Bible footnotes on Romans 1:16. Page 1211.

² Kenneth Copeland