

Birth of the Prince of Peace

I am privileged to stand before you and continue with the Advent studies. Miguel shared with us last week about the hope (an anchor for our souls). I will continue addressing Peace, to all who are in Christ.

I will build a foundation on three pillars.

1. God is the God of Peace.
2. Peace God has declared, peace over you (us).
3. Jesus is the giver of peace.

1. Judges 6:24

Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it Yahweh Shalom.

The Lord of Peace.

1 Corinthians 14:33

For God is not a god of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

This is an indication that there is a source (power) of discord, confusion. Now this source is here to cause trouble, unease, nervousness, apprehensiveness, fear, worry. Any time we experience these symptoms, please understand that these are the attacks of the enemy Satan. Family, this is the battle of all times. Satan enjoys when we act ungodly and unrueing, and self-boasting. Around 900 BC Adad Nirari was an Assyrian king. In his castle, he had something that read. (I am royal, lordly, mighty, honored, exalted, glorified, powerful, all powerful, brilliant, lion brave, manly, all supreme, most noble. He was known as one of the cruelest kings ever.

Truth is, if you have people around you that are in some cases like what I described, move away or pray constantly. They will cause turmoil in your life if you allow them. Guard your hearts. Pray. Confess God as your Prince of Peace.

2. Peace has been declared over us! Over you!

Family it is for us to embrace, Embrace it. Guard it in your hearts. God's will for us is to live in peace with him. He knows we will be attacked on earth. He knows we will have challenges. He knows all about us! Mentally, spiritually, emotionally!!! He wants us to live our lives with Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace.

Luke 2:14 The birth of Christ. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors. What a great quote. We have scriptures posted on our mirrors, cards, posters, we have songs. Have we ever stood still and read this scripture? The baby that is to change everything in life for eternity was born, and God had something to say. He said through an angel, "Peace and goodwill toward men." That was His declaration to us. Peace and goodwill to men. Me! You!

3. Jesus is the giver of Peace.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Your heart must not be troubled or fearful. You have heard that I am going away, and I am coming to you. If you loved me, you would have rejoiced that I am going to the father, because the father is greater than I. I told you before this happens so that when it does happen you may believe.

Two types of peace, God's and worldly. May I just say that worldly is not permanent. It comes to us in alcohol, drugs, sex, purchases, possessions, etc. With Jesus, it is freedom, joy, love, righteousness, and peace.

2 Thessalonians: May the Lord of peace Himself, give you peace always in every way.

John 16:33 An hour is coming... I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. BE COURAGEOUS! I HAVE CONQUERED THE WORLD!

Isaiah 8:21 They will wander through the land dejected and hungry. When they are famished, they will become enraged and looking upward will curse their king and their God. They will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and the gloom of the affliction and they will be driven into thick darkness.

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Isaiah 9: Nevertheless, the gloom of the distressed land will not be like that of the former times when He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Nephthali. But in the future, He will bring honor to the way of the sea, the land east of the Jordan and to the Galilee of all nations.

5 For the trampling boot of battle and the bloodied garments of war will be burned as fuel for the fire.

Isaiah 9:6 Here it is...

For a child will be born for us. A son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulder. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal God, Prince of Peace. The dominion will be vast, and His prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David, and over His kingdom to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever. The Zeal of the Lord of Host will accomplish this.

Lets go back, we will have challenges, tribulations, uncomfortable times. Call on the Lord, whom is our peace!