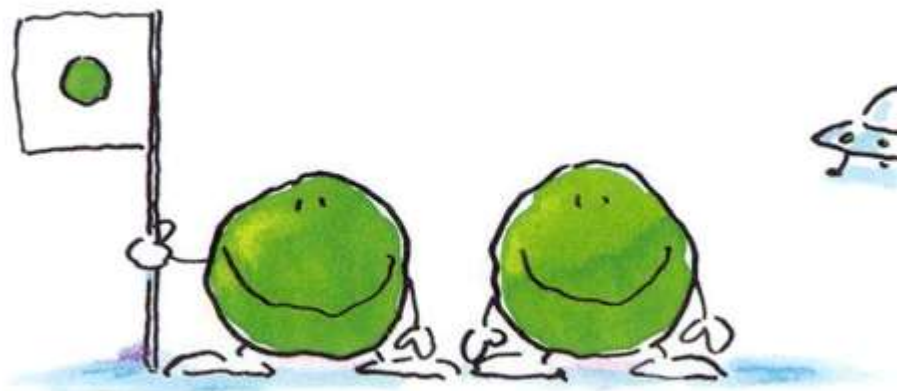


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PEAS ON EARTH

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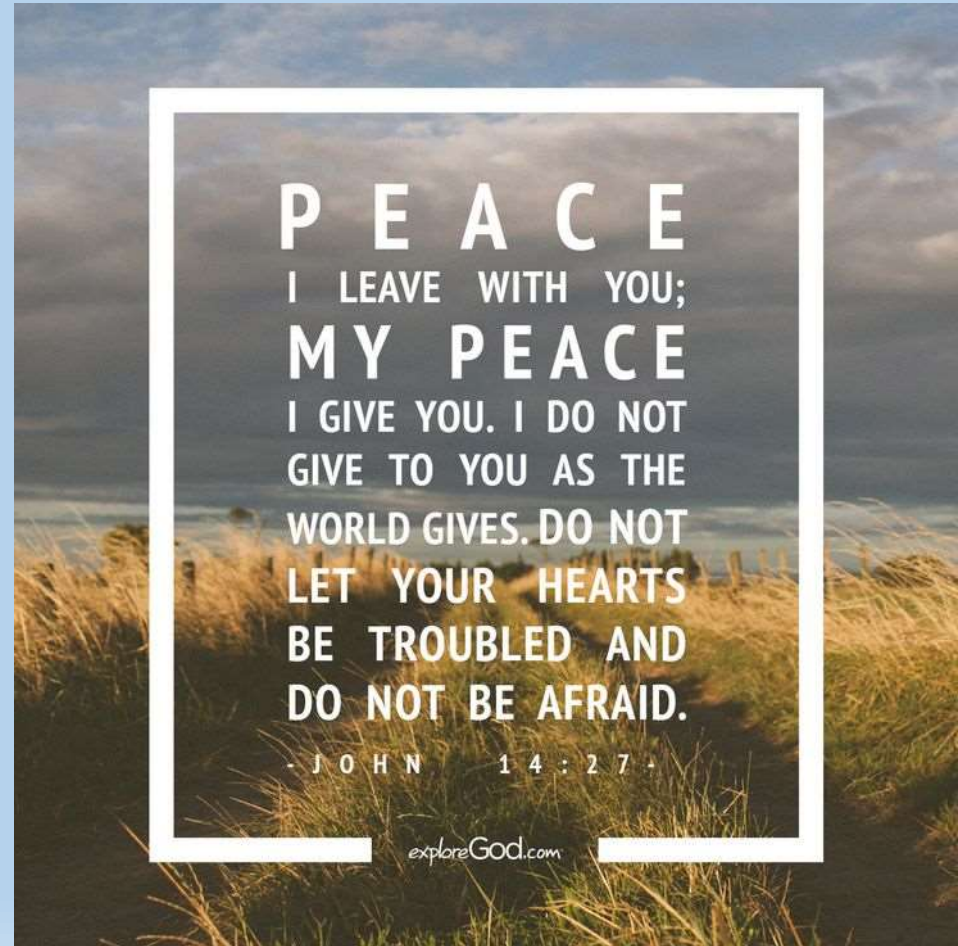
PEACE.

Our Jehovah Shalom.

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*“I am leaving you with a gift—
peace of mind and heart. And
the peace I give is a gift the
world cannot give. So don’t be
troubled or afraid.”*

John 14:27 (NLT)



Our Jehovah Shalom.

“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)



Our Jehovah Shalom.

SHALOM

‘Completeness, contentment, soundness, wholeness, welfare, peace.’

“Shalom means everything which makes for a man’s highest good”¹.

Exodus 4:18; Judges 6:23-24



Our Jehovah Shalom.

EIRENE



‘The tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is.’

Ephesians 2:13-18; John 14:27

Our Jehovah Shalom.

1. We have peace WITH God, and IN God, available to us. (John 14:27)
 - Peace is the absence of enmity in our relationship with Him.
 - Peace is a deep, unwavering confidence in Him.



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ENEMIES OF PEACE



Luke 8:22-25.

Matthew 14:22-33.

Luke 8:22-25

One day Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s cross to the other side of the lake.” So they got into a boat and started out. ²³ As they sailed across, Jesus settled down for a nap. But soon a fierce storm came down on the lake. The boat was filling with water, and they were in real danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!”

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves. Suddenly the storm stopped and all was calm. ²⁵ Then he asked them, “Where is your faith?”

The disciples were terrified and amazed. “Who is this man?” they asked each other. “When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him!”

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. ²³ After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

²⁴ Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. ²⁵ About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

²⁷ But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!"

Matthew 14:22-33 cont.

²⁸ Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.”

²⁹ “Yes, come,” Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted.

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. “You have so little faith,” Jesus said. “Why did you doubt me?”

³² When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. ³³ Then the disciples worshiped him. “You really are the Son of God!” they exclaimed.

Our Jehovah Shalom.

1. We have peace WITH God, and IN God, available to us. (John 14:27).
2. Anxiety and fear are the enemies of the peace God provides. (Phil. 4:6).
 - We suffer from a lack of peace when we turn our eyes from Him.
 - This anxiety has the potential to completely choke our spiritual growth.



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OBTAINING AND REMAINING IN PEACE



Isaiah 26:3.

Philippians 4:4-7 (Luke 8:14).

1 Peter 5:7.

2 Corinthians 10:5.

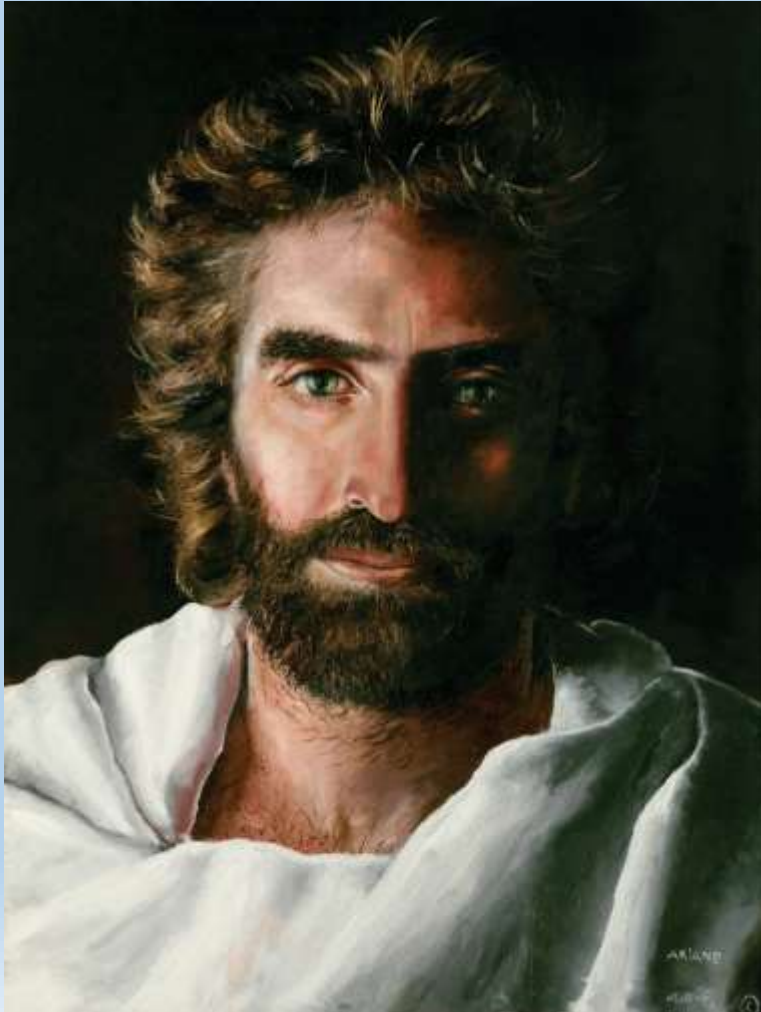
Our Jehovah Shalom.

1. We have peace WITH God, and IN God, available to us. (John 14:27).
2. Anxiety and fear are enemies to the peace God provides. (Phil. 4:6).
3. We obtain peace by focusing our minds on Him. (Isaiah 26:3)
 - More specifically, this entails prayer, thankfulness, and taking every thought captive.



Our Jehovah Shalom.

OUR PEACE... JESUS



- Peace is not unattainable, even in our humanity.
- We can be sure of Jesus' sovereignty and power.

Our Jehovah Shalom.

