

## **Spiritual Readings**

Title: **Finding the Love, Joy, and Peace of God from the Scriptures**

God knows His plans for our lives; we should trust His plans and know that God is with us.

### **Scripture Verses for Meditation:**

"For I Know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will call me and find me, when you search for Me with all your heart." ~ Jeremiah 29:11-13

Jeremiah proclaimed that God's thoughts toward Israel were for peace, not evil.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." ~ John 3:16

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." ~ 1 John 4:9

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." ~ 1 John 4:10

"The Father sent the Son as the Savior of the world." ~ 1 John 4:14

"And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." ~ 1 John 5:11

"For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." ~ John 3:17

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." ~ 1 Timothy 1:15

"What must I do to be saved? . . . Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." ~ Acts 16:30, 31

"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." ~ Galatians 3:26

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." ~ Ephesians 2:8, 9

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him." ~ Hebrews 11:6

"Now the just shall live by faith." ~ Hebrews 10:38

"Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father except through Me." ~ John 14:6

"I, even I, am the LORD, and besides Me there is no savior." ~ Isaiah 43:11

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." ~ Matthew 11:28

"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out." ~ John 6:37

"Neither is there Salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, where-by we must be saved." ~ Acts 4:12

"He who the Son has life." ~ 1 John 5:12

"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." ~ John 20:31

"And this is life eternal." ~ John 17:3

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" ~ Hebrews 2:3

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." ~ Romans 3:10

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." ~ Romans 3:23

"Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men (mankind), for that all have sinned." ~ Romans 5:12

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." ~ Romans 6:23

"But God demonstrates His love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." ~ Romans 5:8

"How that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures: and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." ~ 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." ~ Romans 10: 9

"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." ~ Matthew 22:37

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ~ Matthew 22:39

### **Prayers from the scriptures**

"God be merciful to me a sinner." ~ Luke 18:13

"And forgive all my sins." ~ Psalm 25:18

"Lord, save me." ~ Matthew 14:30

"Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me when I was in distress; have mercy on me, and hear my prayer." ~ Psalm 4:1

"The LORD had heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer." ~ Psalm 6:9

"The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination of the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight." ~ Proverbs 15:8

"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." ~ Acts 6:4  
"Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth." ~ Psalm 54:2  
"Pray without ceasing." ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:17  
"But the end of all things is at hand; therefore, be serious and watchful in your prayers." ~ 1 Peter 4:7

### **Finding Joy and the Peace of God in the Scriptures**

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." ~ Psalm 30:5

"Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!" ~ Psalm 32:11

"And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord: It shall rejoice in His Salvation." ~ Psalm 35:9

"Make me to hear joy and gladness, *that* the bones *which* you have broken may rejoice." ~ Psalm 51:8

"We may rejoice and be glad all our days." ~ Psalm 90:4

"My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commandment; for length of days and long life and peace shall they add to you." ~ Proverbs 3:1, 2

"For the joy of the Lord is your strength." ~ Nehemiah 8:10

"Rejoice evermore." ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16

"You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." ~ Psalm 16:11

"Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King." ~ Psalm 48:2

"So the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads, they shall obtain joy *and gladness*, *and* sorrow and sighing shall flee away." ~ Isaiah 51:11

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." ~ John 15:11

"You will keep him in **perfect peace**, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." ~ Isaiah 26:3

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." ~ Romans 5:1

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." ~ Philippians 4:7



"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." ~ Colossians 3:15

"Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ." ~ Galatians 1:3

Christ is our Peace . . .

"For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of division between us, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He Might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father." ~Ephesians 2:14-18

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." ~ Hebrews 12:14

"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." ~ 1 Corinthians 14:33

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." ~ 2 Corinthians 13:11

"Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another." ~ Mark 9:50

"Great peace have those who **love your law**, and nothing causes them to stumble." ~ Psalm 119:165

"And the God of love and peace shall be with you." ~ 2 Corinthians 13:11

"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, rejoice! Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, shall guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." ~ Philippians 4:4, 6, 7

"God is love." ~ 1 John 4:8

"Then said Jesus to them again, peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ~ John 20:21

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." ~ Proverbs 3:5, 6

"Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He that who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture." ~ Psalm 100:3

"Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." ~ 1 Peter 5:7

"Therefore, having being justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ."  
~ Romans 5:1

"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." ~ Galatians 3:26

"Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." ~ John 11:25, 26

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." ~ Matthew 11:28

**"My peace I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."**  
~ John 14:27

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**" ~ Psalm 23:4, 6

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who **love him.**" ~ 1 Corinthians 2:9

#### **Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, thank you for your love and compassion that brings us close to You. Having Your love in us allows us to connect more deeply with all of humanity and to understand that in the eyes of the Lord we are all one, each of us deserving of love, forgiveness, and encouragement. Lord, help us cope and move through the darkest of times. Help us to experience the joys, peace and blessings of walking through life with others, sharing their hopes, their joys, and their tears. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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