

Title: King of Glory V – Jesus our peace
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Book of Judges in the Old Testament: The Israelites would be oppressed by their enemies and then God would raise up a deliverer who had to make war against those nations. And chapter after chapter it says “.... so the land had rest for forty years...”

Matthew 10:34 (NKJ)

"do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword."

John 14:27 (NKJ)

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you...

So HOW do we find true peace?

The **starting point** to find true peace is to move from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of light. Making Jesus not only Saviour, but Lord of your life. Jesus cannot only be our Saviour, He must also be our Lord... Peace is found in the perfect will of God... Peace is a person. His name is Jesus. Real peace will only be found in Jesus.

After we moved from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light we need to learn how to be a soldier in God's army. We must learn how to fight as a Christian!

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (ESV)

3For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. **4**For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. **5**We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

Strongholds are first established in the mind, that is why we are to take every thought captive. Behind every stronghold is a lie – an unscriptural idea or personally confused belief that is held to be true. Behind every lie there is a fear and behind every fear is an idol.

Examples:

If your **physical appearance** is any idol, you could fear rejection and you well believe a lie that you must have a perfect body to be accepted.

If a **certain lifestyle or job is an idol to you**, you could fear lack or poverty and believe a lie that you must provide for yourself or that you will only be accepted if you have a certain amount of money or a certain position in society.

If we do not make war against these idols, fears or lies they become a stronghold.

Idols, fears and lies allow us no peace! They make us work hard, they make us strive, they make us worry! We need to learn how to identify quickly when an idol, fear or lie wants to get a foothold in our hearts.

How do we make war against idols?

Matthew 6:33 (NKJ)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you.
(Please listen to André Kruger's sermon that he preached at Shofar East London on 12 May)

How do we make war against fear?

Isaiah 26:3&4 (NKJ)

You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

Perfect peace is expressed in Hebrew by shalom, shalom, a Hebrew method of putting great emphasis on a word. You will keep him in everything the word shalom implies: health, happiness, well-being, peace.

How do we make war against lies?

Hebrews 4:12 (AMP)

12For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energising, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], **exposing and sifting and analysing and judging** the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

The word of God reveals the **truth** to us. We have to embrace the truth - we have to make a constant decision to believe and embrace the truth.

HOW?

1. We have to spend time in the word of God - reading, studying, meditating, memorising
2. We have to go back to the words that were spoken (prophesied) over our lives.
3. We must actively reject the lie and embrace the truth.

In order for us to receive the peace that Jesus wants to give us, we must be willing to make war against lies, against fear, against idols – preferably BEFORE they become strongholds.

When you really battle to find peace, don't be passive, be active.

- Worship
- Have communion
- Anoint your house and walk in your authority

Romans 16 (NKJ)

“...and the God of **peace** will soon **crush satan** under your feet.”