

## Bible Class Notes – Studies in The Old Testament – Lesson 87

### Judgement and Deliverance

**This week** – We continue our series on how God blesses those who exercise faith in Him.

**The Lord God said, “*They have seduced (misled) My people, saying, ‘Peace, peace, when there was no peace’*”**

*Ezekiel 13v10*

#### Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Judges 18 v1-13 (5 men sent to spy out Laish)	
Monday	Judges 18 v14-31 (600 men sent to capture Laish)	
Tuesday	Luke 12 v15-26 (Covetousness destroys our peace)	
Wednesday	Luke 12 v27-34 (Seek 1 <sup>st</sup> the Kingdom of Heaven)	
Thursday	Psalms 46 (Be still, and know that I am God)	
Friday	Philippians 4 v6-20 (God’s peace beyond understanding)	
Saturday	Matthew 11 v16-30 (Jesus said, I will give you rest)	

**Important Thought for us Today:** Do we have true peace? Laish’s peace was, in reality, false; they had all the material benefits that this life offered but in one day all was lost as they were overpowered by an enemy they were ignorant of. Having no defence they lost everything. The Devil wants us to think we have ‘Peace, peace,’ through trivial and time consuming pleasures, (e.g. leisure, sport, video-gaming, social-media, YouTube clips), that seek to distract us from our problem of sin. Yet ‘there is no peace’; instead stress, anxiety, emptiness and mental health issues. **True peace** can only be given us by our Creator God. He is its only source. The Lord Jesus says, ‘**Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**’ Matthew 11v28. Knowing that our sins are forgiven and living in obedience to God is the **only** way to experience **true peace** in our soul.

**A hymn reminding us that true peace is only found when we know Jesus Christ as Saviour: (526)**

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| 1. Peace, perfect peace,<br>in this dark world of sin?<br>The blood of Jesus whispers peace within. | 4. Peace, perfect peace,<br>our future all unknown?<br>Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.                |
| 2. Peace, perfect peace,<br>with sorrows surging round?<br>In Jesus’ keeping<br>only calm is found. | 5. Peace, perfect peace,<br>death shadowing us and ours?<br>Jesus has vanquished death<br>and all its powers. |

EDT Bible Class Take Home Sheet

## Laish: A Dream World.

- **The Tribe of Dan Look to Take Possession of the City of Laish:**
  - Laish was situated in a very fertile valley, inland from the recently destroyed affluent Mediterranean port, Zidon. It was a very attractive prize as it had “*no lack of anything that is on the earth*”, a haven of wealth and luxury.
- **5 Spies from Dan Found that the People of Laish were:**
  - **Careless** – They took this paradise for granted; believing it would last forever so they lived self-absorbed, without care; given over to pleasure and prosperity.
  - **Quiet** – Kept themselves to themselves - feeling totally safe and self-sufficient.
  - **Secure** – They saw no need for an army to defend them or help from stronger nations around; No one was their enemy so who would attack?
  - **No Magistrate** – No law, no ruler, no one in charge. Free to do as they liked.

**The Spies Conclusion** - Only 600 men would be needed to defeat Laish!

**The Reality** - In 1 day Laish lost everything. Too late to wish they had a Saviour.

#### • Do we live in a Dream World like the People of Laish?

- **Careless?** – Believing there is no God, all that we see is ours for the taking. Convinced that it will all last forever - we just need to live life to the full.

**Are we carelessly gambling with our future destiny, “I bet that I will be OK.”**

**Are we carelessly ignoring the big questions of Life and Eternity?** “Does God exist?”

“Is God angry with me?” “Why am I here?” “What will happen to me after I die?”

- **Quiet?** – Are we self-sufficient and self-absorbed? Taking what we want, having selfish fun, just pleasing ourselves. So busy that we ignore God, the Giver of Life.

**Are we quiet to God, not speaking to Him in prayer to seek His help?**

- **Secure?** – Do we live as if we have no enemies? Feeling safe and strong in our own strength, believing that we are the masters of our own destiny?

**Are we falsely secure thinking all is well but in reality the Devil is leading us to Hell?**

- **No Magistrate?** - Rejecting God’s Law; allowing ourselves to be in charge.

**Are we living as if we are free agents; forgetting the debt we owe to our Creator God?**

#### • Beware of Living in this Dream World. It Has No Recognition Of:

- **God** - leaving us ungrateful and unrepentant to the One Who deserves our attention.
- **Sin** - leaving us to live based on our own morals but having no peace and **No Saviour**.
- **The Devil** - leaving us weak to unsuspected attacks, ruining our eternal security.
- **God’s Judgement to come** – denying the reality of **eternal Hell** and **eternal Heaven**.

**Wakeup** - We need a Deliverer and Saviour - Repent and believe in Jesus Christ.

**“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”**

2 Peter 3 v9