

Philippians

A Personal Letter from Your Rabbi, the “Prisoner”

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{Part 1}

1. Giving *Final Exhortations* regarding their **Personal Conduct** (4:1-9)

4 Therefore, my **beloved brethren** whom I long to see,
my *joy and crown*,
in this way **stand firm in the Lord**, my **beloved**.

² I urge **Euodia** and I urge **Syntyche** to live in **harmony in the Lord**.

³ Indeed, *true companion*, I ask **you** also to **help** these women
who have **shared my struggle** in *the cause* of the **gospel**,
together with **Clement** also and the rest of my **fellow workers**,
whose **names** are in the *book of life*.

⁴ **Rejoice in the Lord** always; again I will say, **rejoice!**

⁵ Let your **gentle spirit** be known to **all men**. The **Lord is near**.

⁶ Be **anxious for nothing**,
but in everything by **prayer** and **supplication** with **thanksgiving**
let your **requests** be made **known to God**.

⁷ And the **peace of God**, which **surpasses** all **comprehension**,
will **guard** your **hearts** and your **minds** *in Messiah Jesus*.

⁸ **Finally, brethren**, whatever is *true*, whatever is *honorable*,
whatever is *right*, whatever is *pure*, whatever is *lovely*,
whatever is of *good repute*,
if there is any *excellence* and if anything
worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

⁹ The **things** you have **learned** and **received** and **heard** and **seen**
in me, practice these things, and the **God of peace** will be *with you*.

Message Summary

Paul's Final Exhortations to the **Philippians**

1. **He exhorts** them to “**stand firm**” in the **Lord** (4:1).
2. **He exhorts** them once again to **unity**,” specifically citing the need for two special servants, **Euodia** and **Syntyche**, to “**live in harmony**” in the **Lord** (4:2-4).
3. **He exhorts** them to **rejoice**, and then “**doubles down**” on that exhortation (4:4).
4. **He encourages** them to have a **testimony** of “**gentleness**” towards **all men** (4:5).
5. **He exhorts** them to **commit** all their *anxiety* to **God** in **prayer**, that they may **receive** His “**incomprehensible**” inner **peace** (4:6-7).
6. **He exhorts** them to “**dwell on**” and **embrace** the **things** that pertain to **godliness** and **goodness** (4:8).

Whatever is **True**,
 Whatever is **Honorable**,
 Whatever is **Right**,
 Whatever is **Pure**,
 Whatever is **Lovely**,
 Whatever is of **Good Repute**,
 Whatever is of any **Excellence**,
 Whatever is **Praiseworthy**,

7. **He exhorts** the **Philippians** to **follow his personal example**, and **promises** them the **presence** of the “**God of peace**” (4:9).

Personal Application

Experiencing Peace in **ANXIOUS Times** **{ Trusting God in Prayer }**

Be **anxious** for nothing,
but in **everything** by **prayer** and **supplication** with **thanksgiving**
let your **requests** be made **known to God**.

And the **peace of God**, which **surpasses all *comprehension***,
will ***guard your hearts*** and ***your minds*** in **Messiah Jesus**. (4:6-7)

You will keep *him* in **perfect peace**,
 Whose mind is stayed on You,
 Because he **trusts** in **You**. (Isaiah 26:3)

In **peace** I will both **lie down** and **sleep**,

For **You alone, O LORD**, make me to **dwell in safety**. (Psalm 4:8)

Therefore, let everyone who is **godly pray to You**
in a time when **You may be found**;
Surely in a **flood** of great waters they will **not reach him**.

You are my *hiding place*; You *preserve me* from **trouble;**
You *surround me* with songs of **deliverance.** (Psalm 32:6-7)

The *righteous cry*, and the LORD hears
And **delivers them** out of **all their troubles**.

The **LORD is *near*** to the **brokenhearted**
And **saves** those who are **crushed in spirit**.

Many are the **afflictions of the **righteous**,**
But the **LORD delivers him** out of them **all**. (Psalm 34:17-19)

Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him;
Do **not fret** because of him who **prospers** in his way,
Because of the man who carries out **wicked schemes**.

Cease from **anger and **forsake wrath**;**
Do not **fret**; *it leads only to **evildoing***. (Psalm 37:7-8)

Be **gracious** to me, **O Lord**,
For to **You I cry** all day long.

Make **glad** the **soul** of **Your servant**,
For to **You, O Lord, I lift up** my soul.

For **You, Lord**, are **good**, and **ready to *forgive***,
And abundant in ***lovingkindness*** to **all** who **call upon You**. (Psalm 86:3-5)

Therefore **humble yourselves** under the **mighty hand of God**,
that **He may exalt you** at the proper time,
casting all your **anxiety on Him**, because **He cares** for you.
(I Peter 5:6-7)

But the **Helper**, the **Holy Spirit**,
whom the **Father** will **send in My name**,
He will teach you all things,
and bring to your **remembrance** all that **I said to you**.

Peace I leave with you; **My peace I give** to you;
not as the **world** gives do **I give** to you.
Do not let your **heart** be **troubled**, **nor** let it be **fearful...**

These things I have spoken to you,
so that ***in Me you*** may have **peace**.

In the **world** you have **tribulation**, but **take courage**;
I have overcome the **world**." (John 14:26-27, 16:33)

Closing Comments