

# שִׁמּוֹן שְׁלוֹם

"Grant Peace"

The final prayer of the Eighteen Benedictions is one asking God to grant peace upon Israel His people. But it is interesting how the prayer defines peace: "Bless us, our Father, all of us as one, with the light of Your countenance." Peace is described here as God's abiding presence among His people. When God is with us, all will be well. In fact, very often in the Tanach God tells us not to fear because He is with us. Do you remember the story of when God appeared to Isaac in the night? Here is what He said:

"I am the God of your father Abraham;  
Do not fear, for I am with you."  
(Genesis 26:23)

In fact, God's abiding presence with His people is the source of their joy, happiness, life, and peace. So when we conclude the Shemonei Esrei (The Eighteen Benedictions) by asking for shalom, we realize that this shalom can only be when we know God dwells with us. And with whom is God pleased to dwell? With those who have humbled themselves before Him and have repented of their sins (see Isaiah 57:17; 66:2), having received God's Son, Yeshua, as their Savior and Lord.

Here is the final prayer of the Eighteen Benedictions:

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Be pleased, Adonai our God  
with Your people Israel and their prayer  
and restore the service to the Holy of Holies in Your abode,  
and the fire-offerings of Israel;  
and accept their prayer, lovingly and willingly.  
And my You always find pleasure  
with the service of Your people, Israel.  
And may our eyes behold  
Your merciful return to Zion.  
Blessed are You, Adonai,  
Who returns His divine Presence to Zion.

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# FIND THE APOSTLES

Find the names of Jesus' apostles. Circle the letters that make each name. The letters must be in straight lines, vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Names may be spelled forward or backward.

PETER

JAMES

JOHN

ANDREW

PHILIP

THOMAS

BARTHOLOMEW

MATTHEW

JAMES

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“But to this one  
I will look,  
To him who is  
humble and contrite of  
spirit, and who  
trembles at My word.

Isaiah 66:2

