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The Blessings of Peace

Great is peace, for the only vessel that can contain blessings is peace.

Great is peace, for all the prayers conclude with pleas for peace.

Great is peace, for we must seek it even in time of war.

Great is peace, for it is the reward of the righteous.

Great is peace, for it is bestowed upon those who love the Torah.

Great is peace, for it is bestowed upon the humble.

Great is peace, for it is bestowed upon those who act justly.

Great is peace, for it is equal to all of the work of creation.

Great is peace, for even those who dwell on high need peace, as it is said, עשָה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמְי "God imposes peace in God's heights" (Job 25:2). If in a place where there is no hatred and envy, enmity or malice, peace is needed, how much more so in a place where all these qualities are lacking!

Great is peace, for the name of the Holy One is Peace.

— MIDRASH SIFREI NUMBERS (trans. Reuven Hammer, adapted)