



The peace that God provides

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ISAIAH 26:3-4 NIV - (3) You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. **(4)** Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal.

God provides a "**PERFECT PEACE**." A perfect peace, what is that? It is a peace that is complete. This world is so far from real peace that we have come to define peace as an ending of hostilities. Thus, we say that the government has brought peace to the Middle East. Yet both sides are arming themselves, there are threats and counter-threats, deep and bitter hatred.

There is no real peace until there is love. This means there shall be no inner conflicts. No worrying or anxiety. Nothing but the "Truth." Jesus said you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.

You ask, "Is there such a peace possible? Look at the days we are living in. There are pressures of a complex society, universal unrest and moral collapse from the humanistic philosophy prevailing in our educational systems. For many, confusion has become a way of life.

Look at the world in the times of Christ or any other time in history. The world has been in rebellion against God since Adam. We must begin with our own relationship with God. Do you really have, "Peace with God?" You cannot have peace with yourself until you have "Peace with God." Don't be deceived, for the ungodly are like the chaff which the wind drives to and fro. It's like a world at war with God, at war with itself or a man at war with God and at war with himself.

Peace with God is only possible on His terms. There must be **absolute surrender**. There must be total forgiveness. The "Peace **of** God" results from peace **with** God. Therefore, how can we find a perfect peace? Your mind must focus on **Him**. You must bring every thought into captivity. Oh yes, stressful thoughts are going to come, but you must not dwell on them. Angry thoughts will arise, but we must dismiss them. Refuse to think about your problem, how hard or impossible it might seem. Think on God's power not your weakness. Think on God's victory, not your defeat. You ask, "Is this possible?" Yes, if you trust in **HIM**. Again, "Trust in God."

Remember, when Jesus was born the angels heralded "Peace on earth." The "Prince of Peace" is one of the names by which He was to be called, and in His final talks with His disciples before the cross He said, "Peace I leave with you...let not your heart be troubled."

Consider the alternative.

SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 45:3-4

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: H.O.P.E. – Holding on patiently every day.