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*Good Morning Sunrise, Suzanne Williams Photography*

## Perfect Peace

I was praying a few days ago for a lady whose dominant need was peace. Haven't we all been there? I was pondering her need when I had a sudden spiritual prompting. It wasn't a particularly new thought, but it was what I needed to hear at the moment. It dawned on me that when the Scripture mentions peace, it talks about the

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mind and spirit, not our physical circumstances. Yet, it is usually our worldly existence that destroys our peace. As our mind lingers on this dilemma, this drama, or that need, the need appears to be encroaching at breakneck speed with potential to "kill, steal, and destroy." The more we meditate on the expected trauma, the greater our collapse. Eventually, our mind whirls like a ride at the fair – round and round and round. Our body also refuses to remain steadfast and

manifests physical pain and illness. In the vernacular of the world, "We are going under".

What can we do? The prophet Isaiah so clearly penned our answer. By inspiration of the Spirit he said, "Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee." <sup>1</sup> Wow! What a declaration! What a promise! God said we could experience "perfect peace"! According to Webster's dictionary, when something is perfect it is "complete, so that nothing requisite is wanting." It is "absolute, where all defect is precluded." It is "excellent, of great worth and in full vigor". <sup>2</sup> This means it is "not deficient, defective, or faulty" but sound and excellent. <sup>3</sup>

I believe this description of "perfect peace" is the "peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" <sup>4</sup> mentioned by the Apostle Paul to the church at Philippi. It just makes sense, doesn't it? After all, if peace is absolute, without deficiency, it would certainly be beyond the comprehension of our mind. Now before you say, "It isn't possibly in my case", we are reminded it is the "promise of God". He is the God of Peace <sup>5</sup> who sent our Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace, <sup>6</sup> to earth with the Gospel of Peace. <sup>7</sup> At Jesus' birth, the angels praised God saying, "On earth let there be peace among the people who please God." <sup>8</sup> As

Jesus walked on earth, He brought peace to the infirm and disabled. He healed the women with the issue of blood saying, "Go in peace."<sup>9</sup> The disciples also received His words of instruction, "Have peace one with another." Before His death He declared, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you."<sup>10</sup> Peace truly was God's will. It's still His will today!

These words of Jesus, "My peace I give unto you", are followed with this explanation, "not as the world giveth!" If we examine this phrase with our hearts, we will conclude, as we did at the first, that the peace of God could not depend on circumstances. When the prophet Isaiah recorded "Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind is stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee," he did not say, "Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* job is secure." He did not declare, "Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* health is excellent." Neither did he confess, "Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* children are obedient." Yet He promised "perfect peace."

This promise of perfect peace is bigger than any difficulties. It is more secure than the shifting sands of life. It is of God, and it saturates our minds and spirits when our thoughts are focused on Him. As we think constantly on His promises instead of our dilemma, He dominates our hearts. Panic and fear subside. We realize anew that God is with us. He "will never leave [us], nor forsake [us]."<sup>11</sup> His promise, "Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness,"<sup>12</sup> comforts us. We think about it constantly, reviewing it, confessing it, and embracing it. Then it happens. With our thoughts full of Him, peace comes! Just like the songwriter said, "I've got peace like a river in my soul."<sup>13</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Isaiah 26:3

<sup>2</sup> American Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster 1828

<sup>3</sup> Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary Copyright © 1959

<sup>4</sup> Philippians 4:7 NKJ

<sup>5</sup> Hebrews 3:20

<sup>6</sup> Isaiah 9:6

<sup>7</sup> Romans 10:15; Ephesians

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<sup>8</sup> Luke 2:24, NCV

<sup>9</sup> Mark 5:34; Luke 8:48

<sup>10</sup> John 14:27

<sup>11</sup> Hebrews 13:5

<sup>12</sup> Isaiah 41:10

<sup>13</sup> "I've Got Peace Like A

River" American Traditional

## 2 Thessalonians 3:16

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*KJV* Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means.

*NIV* Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation.

*NIV* Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.

*NASB* Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance.

*CEV* I pray that the Lord, who gives peace, will always bless you with peace.

*WYC* And God himself of peace give to you everlasting peace in all place.

*WE* The Lord gives peace. May he give his peace to you at all times in every way.

*JBPhillips* Now may the Lord of peace personally give you his peace at all times and in all ways.

*Weymouth* And may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every sense.

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### *My Confession*

*Christ gave me His peace.  
I keep my mind focused on God  
and I place my trust in Him. Therefore,  
I have His perfect, complete, peace. I  
know that this peace does not depend on my  
circumstances or on anything I have done.  
Christ is always with me. He brings me  
comfort and strength, so I am not  
afraid. I refuse fear in any form.  
I go about my day in  
peace.*