

Isaiah 26**9-23-04*****“Peace, Peace!”*****1. Intro:**

- 1.1. **This song** – The prophet wrote a song that will be sung by the redeemed when the messiah will establish the millennial kingdom.
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- 1.2. **The** future is secure with God, & thus **Our** future is secure with God!

2. MILLENNIUM! (1-21)

- 2.1. **Peace, Peace!** (1-6)
- 2.2. (1) “**in that day**” – see 27:1 also...that ties them in.
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- 2.4. (3) God gives **peace** to His people(also see 12)
 - 2.4.1. **Peace, peace!** Shalom, Shalom! in the original.
 - 2.4.1.1. A duplicating peace! - A peace that really is peace.
 - 2.4.1.2. The general meaning behind the root is: of **completion & fulfillment** - of entering into a state of **wholeness & unity**, a **restored relationship**. [TWOT]
 - 2.4.2. **Stayed** – steadfast.
 - 2.4.3. **Trust** – The redeemed will readily testify of the everlasting faithfulness of Jehovah.
 - 2.4.3.1. Let us **rest upon Him** with all our weight! - Let us **drive out** all unbelief! - Let us **rid ourselves** of doubts & fears!
 - 2.4.3.2. Spurg, “A **loving parent** would be **sorely grieved** if his **child** could not trust him!”
- 2.5. (5,6) The proud enemy is brought down.
- 2.6. **Waiting for & Desiring God!** (7-11)
 - 2.6.1. It is always springtime in the heart that loves God.

- 2.6.2. Brother Lawrence, "Let us give our thoughts completely to knowing God. **The more one knows him, the more one wants to know him**, and since love is measured commonly by knowledge, then, the deeper and more extensive knowledge shall be, so love will be the greater, and, if love is great, we shall love him equally in suffering and consolation."
- 2.7. **Establishing Peace!** (12-19)
- 2.8. (15) **You have increased the nation** – ie. The world-wide Gentile Church.
- 2.9. The focus of the kingdom age is **glory** of God!
- 2.10. (16-18) This pictures Israel's suffering during the tribulation.
2.10.1. But following the Tribulation there is hope of the Resurrection.
- 2.11. (19) **Resurrection!**
2.11.1. Among the clearest of OT verses on this subject.
2.11.2. **"Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."** S.o.S. 2:13
- 2.12. **Comforted During the Tribulation!** (20,21)
- 2.13. **Read - Rev.12:13-17**
- 2.14. **PEACE!**
- 2.15. There is a universal yearning for peace! (some get it, & some don't & won't!)
2.15.1. **See** - Is.57:19-21

*2.15.2. 3 Divisions of the doctrine of Peace!*¹
- 2.16. **Peace With God!** [Or, Peace **Above** us!]
2.16.1. **Eliphaz** exhorted in Job 22:21, "Now **acquaint** yourself with Him, and be at **peace**; Thereby good will come to you."

2.16.2. *Peace with God* means that our problem with sin has been settled by the blood of Christ. God is our Father, not our Judge.
2.16.2.1. Rom.5:1 "Therefore, having been **justified** by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,"

2.16.3. This peace with God is **divine** in origin!
2.16.3.1. The Trinity is united in its **acquisition & application**.

2.16.4. **[1] God the Father is the God of Peace!**
2.16.4.1. "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you **completely**;" 1 Thes.5:23

¹ Adapted from Lockyer's "All the Doctrines of the Bible"; Pg.212-216

2.16.5. [2] **God the Son** is the **Prince** & the **Personification** of Peace!

2.16.5.1. **Prince**: “His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**.” Is.9:6

2.16.5.2. **Personification**: “For **He Himself** is our peace,” Eph.2:14

2.16.6. [3] **God the Spirit** provides the **Fruit** of Peace!

2.16.6.1. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,...” Gal.5:22

2.16.7. *So, the **Father** decreed peace; the **Son** purchased peace; the **Spirit** applies peace.*

2.17. **Peace Of God!** [Or, Peace **Within** us!]

2.17.1. “Not all who have peace **with** God, have peace **within**!”

2.17.2. They have the **title** to it, but **fail to enjoy** their inheritance.

2.17.3. If our enemy can’t **steal our pardon**, he will try to **pilfer our peace**!

2.17.4. “**The peace of God** is not the absence of problems; it is the presence of divine sufficiency in the midst of problems.”²

2.17.4.1. **George Morrison** said, “Peace is the possession of adequate resources”, & those resources come from the Lord when you yield heart & mind to Him.

2.17.4.2. When Jesus rules the heart, peace reigns.

2.17.5. Let’s look at **Phil.4:7**.

2.17.5.1. **Be Anxious for Nothing** – Exercise our minds in our everyday affairs...**Yes!**

2.17.5.1.1. Allow ourselves to be shaken w/fears, vague uncertainties, & ceaseless alarms?...**No!**

2.17.5.1.2. Faith learns to trust the God of Peace **today & tomorrow!**

2.17.5.1.3. F.B.Meyer “If we allow worries, anxieties, careworn questions to brood in our hearts, they will soon break up the our peace, as swarms of tiny gnats will make a Paradise uninhabitable.”

2.17.5.2. **Be Prayerful in Everything** – What a strong link between **prayer & peace!**

2.17.5.2.1. What else but **believing prayer** can correct the feverish restlessness of the heart, bringing us into God’s atmosphere of calm.

² Warren Wiersbe; pg.468

2.17.5.3. **Be Thankful for Anything** – “Thanks & tranquility – praise & peace are fast friends.”

2.17.5.3.1. Possession of “*the peace of God*” enables us to believe that “*all is right which seems most wrong, if it be His sweet will.*”

2.17.5.4. Also note in vs.7 “**guard**”.

2.17.5.4.1. It speaks of a **fortified place** where soldiers are quartered (garrison). Peace as a sentinel guards us, as a sentry guards a palace.

2.18. **Peace From God!** [Or, Peace Around us!]

2.18.1. The beginning of the epistles are fragrant with this peace!

2.18.1.1. Rom. 1:7 “**To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**”

2.18.2. **Perfect Peace!** (Is. 26:3)

2.18.2.1. Coming from God, it bears the imprint of His own perfection.

2.18.3. **Peace Passing Understanding!** (Phil. 4:7)

2.18.3.1. As the Scots put it, “Better felt than told.”

2.18.3.2. It also passes all **misunderstandings**!

2.18.4. **Peace as a River!** (Is. 48:18)

2.18.4.1. Is. 48:18 “**Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your **peace** would have been like a **river**,**”

2.18.4.2. I've got peace like a river... I've got joy like a fountain...
I've got love like an ocean... (in my soul)

2.18.4.3. We're not talking about some **trickling stream**, but **boundless** as a **mighty, surging** river, and like a **swelling** river, it **broadens & deepens & fills up**.

2.19. **Last thing on Peace...Go for it!**

2.19.1. Heb. 12:14 “**Pursue** peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:”

2.19.2. This is a hunting illustration – Follow peace as the hound does the hare.