

A Precious Promise

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Introduction

1. Text Isaiah 26:3; Philippians 4:7; Colossians 3:15
2. There are many precious promises in the sacred writing. 2 Peter 1:4
3. God always keeps His promises. 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Joshua 23:14
4. All nations, families, churches are sighing for this peace but few find it. Why?
 - a. Many don't know how to find this peace,
 - b. They don't know where to find this peace.
 - c. Or they are not willing to pay the price for this peace!
5. Our lesson will attempt to answer these questions of how to find peace, where to find it then see if you are willing to pay the price for this peace.

II Discussion

1. Defined
 - a. Some are saying peace where there is none. Jeremiah 6:14; 4:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:3
 - b. In our text the word for peace which comes from the word shalom is used twice, back to back [the ASV margin has peace, peace]
 - c. The word means that one has confidence in God and shall not be agitated by the trials to which it shall be subjected; complete happiness
 - d. Philippians 4:7
2. Described
 - a. With conscience or with self. Acts 23:1
 - b. With fellow man Romans 12:18; Genesis 13:8
 - c. With God Romans 5:1; Colossians 1:21
 - i. God is the author of peace 1 Corinthians 14:33; Philippians 4:9; 2 Corinthians 13:11
 - ii. Christ is the prince of Peace Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:14; John 14:27; Ephesians 2:14
 - d. This is part of the fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22
 - e. We have the Gospel of Peace. Romans 10:15; Ephesians 6:15
 - f. The kingdom of God is peace Romans 14:17
3. Delights
 - a. Thou wilt keep him
 - i. This means to guard, as at a post or sentinel Proverbs 4:24 Keep thy 3:5 trust in the
 - ii. God will keep those who trust in Him
 - b. We do this by prayer and supplication Philippians 4:6-8
 - c. We can make peace Matthew 5:9 and this makes us wise. James 3:17-18
4. Disturber of peace is sin
 - a. Sin disrupted the peace in the Garden Genesis 3
 - b. Sin disrupted the worship Genesis 4
 - c. It disrupts every relationship of life – nations, home, and church
 - d. There is no peace Isaiah 48:22; 57:20-21
5. Discover

- a. Christ is the peacemaker 1 Timothy 2:5
- b. Peace is in Christ Ephesians 2:13-18; Colossians 3:15
- c. It is through faith Romans 5:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- d. We must trust in Him with all our hearts Proverbs 3:5

III Conclusion

- 1. We must stack arms of rebellion at the foot of the cross and make an unconditional surrender. 1 Samuel 15:23
- 2. Will you now pay the price for this peace? It is unconditional surrender at the cross of Christ.
- 3. Come and accept the peace that God can give you by obeying Him now

Sources: One hundred and four usable sermon outlines by Paul Murphy; Commentaries by Homer Hailey, Matthew Henry, and Barnes' all on Isaiah.