BEWARE OF LOSING YOUR PEACE!

Isaiah 26:3-4

INTRODUCTION: Is peace something we should possess most of the time? Do you believe no one on this earth could ever truly have absolute peace? Our God has given us the secret to living in peace: Isaiah 26:3.

I. GOD GIVES US HIS PEACE AS WE TRUST IN HIM!

The promise of God to give perfect peace to those who trust in Him brings us to remember another promise He has given: Proverbs 3:3-8. As we learn His Word, we learn that if we will walk in His love and follow His ways, He will turn our momentary troubles into rich blessings: Isaiah 61:1-3. These verses talk about our Lord Jesus' future ministry, which was full of pain and sorrow, yet He walked in the peace of God. The apostle Paul gave us God's prescription for living in God's peace in the midst of our troubled world: Philippians 4:4-5. Paul rejoiced even when he could not do what he wanted so desperately to do.

II. GOD'S SECRET OF PERFECT PEACE!

The apostle Paul was a man just like us, but he had learned a secret we all must learn to have truly abiding peace in our lives: Philippians 4:12-13. Let me ask: "Have you learned God's secret of living in absolute peace in Godly contentment in every situation. If not, it may be time to learn! When we say "I will have peace "when." We must learn what the Lord says will bring us peace "in any and every situation!" 1 Timothy 6:6-8. The Lord is giving us a secret here that He wants all of His children to learn and to put into practice in their own lives: Philippians 4:4-8. What kind of peace and rejoicing is this? Could this be a real possibility in our lives? Could that kind of peace be long lasting in our lives? The answer to all these questions is "YES!" This is our God's promise to anyone who will learn to be content with whatever God brings into their lives and will stop be anxious about anything but in everything will by prayer and petition with thanksgiving let their requests be known onto God and simply learn to wait on the Lord! The word "peace" in these verses means "to put at one again."

III. THE APOSTLE PAUL'S EXAMPLE OF PERFECT PEACE DURING TRYING TIMES!

Most people believe that in order for me to have peace, my circumstance have to be right. But the apostle Paul was in a Roman prison, chained to a Roman guard, had been ship wrecked, whipped, hungry and cold yet he had the peace of God. God's peace is not a matter of our circumstances. It is a matter of Who you trust! On Who you rely upon! Philippians 4:11-13. Paul says I have learned the secret of being content in every situation and I want to share that secret with you! Ephesians 2:14. Our Lord Jesus said: John 14:27. We need to be aware as Christians that we can let our hearts be troubled and we can become afraid. Our Lord Jesus has given us His perfect peace, but the world, the flesh and the devil want to rob us of our God given peace. 2 Timothy 1:1-2. God's peace is a gift given to every child of God. Yet you can choose to be stressed and overcome by focusing too much on this world. We need to know that God's peace cannot be figured out by mortal man: Philippians 4:6-7. This is a great promise to all His children, but it is up to us to meet, and continue to meet His requirements in order for that perfect peace to be ours. Philippians 4:6. When you look to your future can you still laugh? Proverbs 31:25. When we as God's children lose our peace it should be a warning siren in our lives that we have stopped trusting in our God and started worrying about things we cannot control: Genesis 42:36; Romans 15:13; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13; Philippians 4:6-7.