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Perfect Peace

by Arthur W. Pink

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee" (Isa. 26:3). What is signified by a mind "stayed on" the Lord? At least three things. First, to make the Lord the Portion of my soul. All around us are those vainly seeking contentment in things: such as money, and what it can buy, social prestige, fame, pleasures, etc.—all of which are broken cisterns which hold no water. Only the One who made us can satisfy the heart; only as our affection is set upon "things above" do we drink of the Fountain of living waters. Just in proportion as "Delight thyself also in the LORD" (Psa. 37:4) will "perfect peace" be mine now.

Second, to receive from God's hand whatsoever enters my life. I need to cultivate the habit of looking beyond all secondary causes, all intermediary agents and human instruments, recognising that "of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are ALL things" (Rom. 11:36). "Cease ye from man" (Isa. 2:22); conclude no more it is Satan who is seeking to disturb your rest; but say, "The cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it!" (John 18:11). Just in proportion as we are enabled to say from the heart "It is the LORD: let Him do what seemeth Him good" (1 Sam. 3:18) will "perfect peace" be ours in this world of sin and turmoil.

Third, to leave the future entirely with God. And why not? Are not my "times" in His hand (Psa. 31:15)? Has He not graciously cared for me and faithfully supplied my every need hitherto? Then why be fearful of what lies ahead? Has He not promised never to leave nor forsake me! Just in proportion as I live a day at a time, and "Take therefore no anxious thought for the morrow" (Matt. 6:34) will "perfect peace" be mine even now. But each of these three things is dependent upon the exercise of FAITH; as the text says "because he trusteth in Thee." O to know more of this experimentally.

Proverbs 22:4 "By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life."

Proverbs 22:8 "He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail."

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1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing."

Luke 18:1

"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;"

From Our Pastor

“Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.” Titus 1:9

Believing the truth that God has written is a gift, just like salvation is a gift, just like our church membership is a gift, and just like all things in a Christians life is a gift. All are gifts from God through the power of the Holy Spirit. The ability for a believer to believe the Truth of God’s word is such a blessing, why would any Christian give it up, much more so a Minister. As Ministers our charge from God is to standfast in the Truth and to never surrender it. The men of God that are called to the ministry need to be careful because it is our responsibility to feed and lead the churches into Truth and not to waver from the truth. However, as Pastors and Ministers of all sorts we can overpower ourselves in attempting to learn too much too fast. The challenge in our human nature is to be powerful, we are naturally prideful, and it seems everything is a competition (fleshly speaking). The Ministry is not a competition, it is a work in progress, and the progress is by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is my understanding that many of men in the ministry have gone crazy trying to overload with information while others have fallen from the truth of God’s word. The Lord said, “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.” Romans 12:3 We are not the focus here, Jesus Christ is, God’s truths are, the movement and power of the Holy Spirit is, even the Apostle Paul recognized he was only what God’s grace had made him. Our objective as both disciples of Christ, members of the Lord’s churches, and Ministers of all kinds, is to learn and teach God’s Truth in His word. We must be very conscious and not overwhelm ourselves with the teachings of man so that we lose the Truth that we are to be steadfastly holding too. Our main objective is to become teachers of God’s Truths as taught by the Holy Spirit and not by our friends in the world. What have we accomplished if we lose the Truth and start believing and teaching heresy. God said through the Apostle Paul, “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you...” Grace is given to us in our learning of the scriptures and not through the teachings of man, God said in Romans 3:4 “God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar...” The ministry is not a competition of who is the smartest, or has the most likes, or even who is the most loved, but who has stood fast on the most Truth given by God’s Spirit.

From Our Pastor Continued

I have known both Christians and Ministers of all sorts who have left biblical Truth because they have been around or started reading the wrong people. The world is full of deceivers that come as angels of light to trick and deceive, and so many believers, church members, and even Ministers have been fooled by the deceiver himself, Satan. God said, “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” Acts 17:11 They “searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” Not the writings of man but the scriptures, because the writings of man can contain error and start a decent of your belief of the Truth. I’m not saying not to read writings of men, but we must be careful because they are not scripture. The truth of God is so valuable that it can only be replaced with false doctrine, it can never be replaced with another truth. “If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain.” 1 Timothy 6:3 - 6



- Remember our 18th Annual Friday Night September 15th and Saturday September 16th Please remember to pray about it.
- Happy Birthday to Sister Diane Thomas Friday June 9th
- This new church bulletin was printed by our new bought program. I hope you like it and enjoy it. If you see anything that needs to be improved, please let Pastor Johnson know. He needs your thoughts and opinions please.