





"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." Isaiah 26:3.

## Peace, Perfect Peace

"Peace, perfect peace, In this dark world of sin?" The blood of Jesus whispers Peace within.

Peace, perfect peace, With sorrows surging round? On Jesu's bosom Naught but calm is found.

Peace, perfect peace, Death shadowing us and ours? Jesus has vanguished Death and all its powers.

It is enough: Earth's struggles soon shall cease' And Jesus calls us To heav'n's perfect peace.

-E. H. Bickersteth

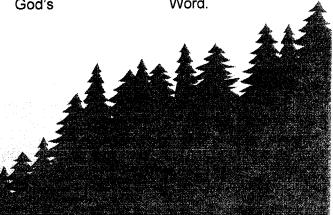
Dear Friends.

In second Timothy, chapter 3, verses 1-5, we read these words. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come". What will mark these last days? We read that men shall be lovers of their own selves. People will be covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, despisers of those that are good, traitors, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away.

How good it is then that we turn away from all that would keep us from reading and studying God's Word each day and from fellowship with other believers.

As we take time to study God's Word, and to meditate upon His word, we will then experience joy and peace in our hearts and lives. When we gather for Bible Studies and for prayer we will grow in grace and knowledge of Word. God's





Although we do not know what a day will bring forth we will experience a real peace that will help us to be an encouragement to others who may be going through trials.

We also need to remember to pray for others. The Apostle Paul in writing to Timothy also laid down four things that every believer should include in their prayers.

- 1. **Rejoice evermore!** Sometimes that may be hard to do but I am sure that as we look back at the day we will always have something that we can thank the Lord for.
- 2. Pray without ceasing!
- 3. In everything give thanks! In Mr. Darby's comment on these first three things he wrote, "Closer connection between these three exists than our souls are want to acknowledge. Joy will ever rise in proportion to prayer and thanksgiving."
- 4. Where His will is there is happiness! "Christ is my happiness, but it is in the path of His will that we find the enjoyment of his love. Thus I find in Him a source of profound and ineffable joy. Our treasure is Himself.

May the Lord graciously keep us near Himself as we seek to **Rejoice** in Him and lean upon those everlasting arms of His love and grace.

"And shall we see Thy face, And hear Thy heavenly voice, Well known to us in present grace? Well may our hearts rejoice.

With Thee in garments white, Lord Jesus, we shall walk; And spotless in that heavenly light Of all Thy suff'rings talk.

Close to Thy trusted side, In fellowship divine: No cloud, no distance, e're shall hide Glories that then shall shine.

Fruit of Thy boundless love, That gave Thyself for us; Forever we shall with Thee prove That thou still lov'st us thus.

And we love Thee blest Lord E"en now, though feeble here; Thy sorrow and Thy cross record What makes us know Thee near. We want to see Thee, Lord.
Yet now within our hearts
Thou dwell'st in love that doth afford
The joy that love imparts.

Yet still we wait for Thee,
To see Thee as Thou art,
Be with Thee, like Thee, Lord, and free
To love with all our heart."

-JND

In His wonderful love,

## John D. McNeil

What Polar star have you to guide you down here? Nothing but the coming of the Lord. The bride has nothing as a future but the coming of Christ. Christians have too much forgotten the widow's place, watching through the night for their absent Lord. He cheers them by saying, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand." Why is it night? Because He is away.

Has the secret been revealed to you that He is the bright and Morning Star, and are you practically waiting for Him? Before the sun rises, before the light of day, He will come and take us up to Himself. There I get my rest in everything because I know He is coming.

—G.V.Wigram

As saved by faith,
Fruit of Thy victory,
Shall ever be with Thee,
There in celestial courts
Beneath the Father's gaze,
Thy love's eternal service
Is ours through endless days!

Nothing but personal affection for the Lord can ever give the heart boldness before Him, the soul must find that it has laid hold of by the Lord in His love, and that such a light shines down upon it from His face, that in spite of failure and everything coming against it, there is love in the heart of the Lord towards it.

—G.V.Wigram

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