

You Will Keep in Perfect Peace

Isaiah 26:3 (NIV) – You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

What is this verse trying to tell us?

a) You will keep in perfect peace

Perfect peace comes from God and from Him alone. There are two components: Peace WITH God and Peace OF God.

God's peace goes beyond being free from stress, anxiety and worry; it provides a deep and permanent knowledge of how much God loves and cares for us no matter what. (*Philippians 4:7*)

b) Those whose minds are steadfast

Steadfast minds are firm, and they do not waver. People with steadfast minds look straight ahead

as Christ did. When our minds are established upon the Lord, we will be kept in perfect peace.

God is the only one who provides complete and lasting peace; the only reliable source of peace.

In his spiritual attacks against us, Satan loves to get our minds set on anything except the Lord.
(*Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 2:15*)

c) Because they trust in you

Jeremiah 17:7-8

As believers, each of us must continually make the decision to trust in God. This is not a one-time decision; it is a daily commitment.

Proverbs 3:5-6; Romans 15:13

How do we access this perfect peace?

a) Focus on who God is

1. God Is Infinite (*Colossians 1:17*)
2. God Is Immutable (*Malachi 3:6*)
3. God Is Self-Sufficient (*John 5:26*)
4. God is Omnipotent (*Psalms 33:6*)
5. God Is Omniscient (*Isaiah 46:9-10*)
6. God Is Omnipresent (*Psalms 139:7-10*)
7. God Is Wise (*Romans 11:33*)
8. God Is Faithful *2 Timothy 2:13*
9. God Is Good (*Psalms 34:8*)
10. God Is Just (*Deuteronomy 32:4*)
11. God Is Merciful (*Romans 9:15-16*)
12. God Is Gracious (*Psalms 145:8*)
13. God Is Loving (*1 John 4:16*)
14. God Is Holy (*Revelation 4:8*)
15. God Is Glorious (*Habakkuk 3:4*)

Never lose sight of the bigger picture. Keep your eyes on Him, trust that He has everything under control and find rest in His presence.

b) Renew your mind

Experiencing the perfect peace of God is a matter of the mind. It is not so much a matter of our spirit, of our soul or of our heart.

- ***Matthew 22:37*** tells us to ‘*Love the Lord your God...with all your mind.*’
- ***Romans 12:2*** tells us to ‘*be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*’
- ***2 Corinthians 2:16*** and ***Philippians 2:5*** tell us that we can have ‘*the same mindset as Christ Jesus.*’
- ***Colossians 3:2*** tells us to ‘*Set [our] minds on things above, not on earthly things.*’

We cannot afford to be lenient with what we allow to enter our minds. We must take each thought captive and line our thinking up with the Word of God. (***Philippians 4:8***)

c) Submit everything to God in prayer

1 John 5:14-15; 1 Peter 5:7; Philippians 4:6-7

God's power and His blessings are readily available to us. All we need to do is surrender everything unto Him and we will begin to see Him working in our lives.

James 1:6; Psalm 5:3; Romans 8:25; Exodus 14:14

No matter the outcome, we must remain faithful, unswerving and patient. Let us pray with expectant and trusting hearts.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Psalm 95:1-2

As we focus on His goodness and His wonder, and as we make the conscious decision to trust in Him no matter what, His peace truly will flood our minds and He will keep us in perfect peace.

When we draw near to Him, He draws near to us. As we invest in prayer and spend more purposeful time in His presence, we become much more conscious of His voice and guidance in our lives. (*James 4:8*)