

God Will Make a Way

Taxes, 
threat of terror attacks, illness and aging, finances,
political
conflicts, family relationships, church struggles, fears,
insurance
issues, air travel impositions, job loss, gasoline prices,
war,
injustice, death—these are just a few of the enemies most of
us
face daily. Yet, let me also tell you what the Lord has spoken
to my
soul:

“Be
anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and
supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And
the
peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard
your
hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:6-7, NASB).

The Lord
doesn't want us to simply possess a generalized peace, based
on
having no particular problems; nor does He plan to give us a
slightly
spiritual, yet human-sized kind of peace. If we follow the
sequence
of obedience He presents, His intention is to shelter us in
His very
own peace: the imperturbable peace of God.

The peace
of God is the deep calm that envelops the thought processes of

the
Almighty. He is never anxious, always in command, never
without a
remedy. He sees the end from the beginning and views the needs
of man
from the position of unlimited resources and capabilities. He
perceives the needs of His children with both compassion and
confidence, for all things are possible for Him.

The peace
He gives is not only *from*
Him, it is an extension of Him—it is the very substance *of*
His peace. It is God-sized peace. It is this divine fabric
that He
says will “guard [our] hearts and ... minds in Christ Jesus.”

Amazing.

Some may
challenge my interpretation, but remember the Savior’s
promise:

“Peace
I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world
gives do I
give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be
fearful” (John 14:27).

Again, Paul
says,

“Let
the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you
were
called in one body; and be thankful” (Col. 3:15).

These
Scriptures and others reveal that there exists a place of
refuge for

us, a dimension guarded by God's very peace, where we can abide. As we enter this realm of trust, the God of peace promises to actually crush Satan beneath our feet (Rom. 16:20).

Of course, we must decide what realm shall preside over us. Thus, the Scripture says, "*Let* the peace of Christ rule," and "*Do not let* your heart be troubled," and "*let* your requests be known to God" (emphasis added). The word *let* speaks of choices we can make with realities that are at hand. Remember, even as circumstances begin to trouble your heart, you can retreat from fear. For the peace of God is also accessible. Take authority over your fretting, worrying attitude, for "it leads only to evil-doing" (see Ps. 37:8). Stand, instead, in faith upon the promises of God.

Peace is our shield and the Word of God our weapon. Therefore, capture negative, unbelieving thoughts that would magnify problems rather than magnify the Lord. Our Father knows what we have need of before we ask Him (see Matt. 6:8).

Cease striving and know that He is God! If you are weary, come to Him and take His yoke upon you. You will find rest for your soul. Finally,

recall Paul's words to make our requests "with thanksgiving."
Many have been thinking too much and thanking too little.
Therefore,
let us cast our burdens upon the Lord, for He indeed cares for
us. He
will make a way.

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