

God's Promise of Peace Isaiah 24-27

Why did Israel need to hear this?

It's because in her immediate future she faced being conquered by Assyria.

God will punish Israel through Assyria; God will also work through Israel and her Messiah to save people from every nation	God will soon pour out His wrath on many nations (including Israel). But God will also save many from their sins!	God will punish the world, but for those who trust Him from all nations He will provide a feast, abolish death, and wipe tears from all faces.	In the meantime God will give His people perfect peace as they trust Him.
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What does God promise to do?

God will keep them — and us — in perfect peace.

Perfect peace means no fear, worry, anxiety.

This is not something we manufacture; this is something God supernaturally gives.

This is also taught by Jesus in John 14:17 and by Paul in Philippians 4:6-7.

How does God give us His perfect peace?

He gives us His perfect peace as we fix our minds on Him and trust in Him.

It is that simple; but it's not easy — because by His power we must overcome indwelling sin.

So what do we fix our minds upon? The word "trust" shows that we fix our minds on God's promises.

What promises will God use to give us peace?

Trust that God will completely satisfy you in Himself (26:8-9).

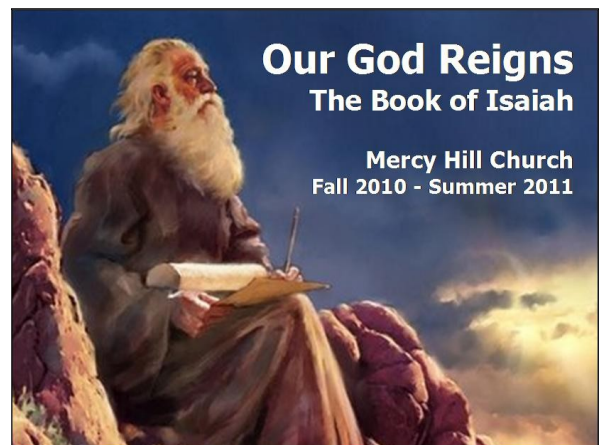
In Himself; not in what He gives, but in who He is in Himself.

Trust that God will ordain peace for you (26:12a)

He will orchestrate every event in your future to bring you the most heart-satisfaction in Him.

Trust that God will do for you whatever you need (26:12b)

Whatever you need in the future, God will give it to you.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come with?

In the past, how have you responded to your lack of peace? How have you tried to get peace?

Does God *really* promise to give us *perfect* peace? Really? Why or why not?

Does it make sense to you that God can completely satisfy our hearts? Why or why not?

What fears or worries are you struggling with now? Maybe you could have the home group work through the three promises with you — and pray for you.

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

