

INSPIRATION FROM ISAIAH

***Great Visions of God
from Isaiah 1-45***

***The Secret of Perfect Peace
Isaiah 26.1-13***

A verse for our anxiety-laden times Isaiah 26.3

1. Perfect Peace is a Gift from God

- ***perfect peace is about true wellbeing***
Shalom = everything as it could and should be
- ***perfect peace is established by God v12***
God makes peace with sinners Rom 4.25-5.1
justified = no longer guilty in God's sight
free from accusation Col 1.21-23

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A Tale of Two Cities v12

*(a) strong – offering absolute security vs 1-2
walls of salvation John 10.27-29
open to all who trust Jesus v2*

*(b) proud – doomed to destruction vs5-6
no peace for the wicked 48.22; 57.21
grace spurned vs10-11; 2 Pet 3.9*

*Peace of mind comes from being at peace with God
in a right relationship with him Phil 4.4-9
Jesus wants our lives to be free from worry
Mat 6.25-34*

2. Perfect Peace is a Promise from God

Its enjoyment is conditional; it comes from us ...

- **Trusting in God vs3-4**
a settled conviction of reliance on God
he is always there for us v4
- **Obeying God vs7-8**
we must walk in his ways
they are straightforward, well-fitting
Mat 11.28-30; Prov 3.5-6
- **Waiting for God v8**
don't rush ahead of God Ps 106.12-15
wait for his directives

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➤ *Honouring God vs8,13*

*it's his reputation that matters, not ours
he must receive all the glory*

Psalm 115.1; John 7.18; 8.49-54; 17.4

➤ *Hungering for God v9*

our greatest desire must be for God himself

Phil 3.7-10; Psalm 37.4

➤ *Depending on God v12*

our salvation is all of God

and so is our service for him

John 15.4-5; 1 Cor 3.5-7