"A Biblical Prescription for Perpetual Peace"

(Sunday Morning November 15th, 2026)

Passage: Philippians 4:4-7

Isa 30:1-2 "1 'Woe to the rebellious children,' declares the Lord, 'Who execute a plan, but not Mine, and make an alliance, but not of My Spirit, in order to add sin to sin; 2 Who proceed down to Egypt without consulting Me, to take refuge in the safety of Pharaoh and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!"
Isa 30:15 "For thus the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, has said, 'In repentance and rest you will be saved, in quietness and trust is your strength.'"

We all need to reminded to do two things when we are facing an intimidating situation: first, to p_____; and second, to r_____ in the Lord

I. This Peace Comes to Those Who Have a S_____ P_____

1) This Involves a Knowledge of Our P_____

Rom 8:28 "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose"
Rom 15:30-33 (Turn and Read)

Paul knew that he was *"in Christ,"* and that meant that Christ had a Divine p_____ that He intended to accomplish in and through his life.

2) This Involves a Knowledge of God's P_____

Matt 28:20 "…and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
Heb 13:5 "Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, 'I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU."

The Bible is filled with numerous stories of how those great men and women of God found peace by remaining f_____ on the sovereignty of God.

1 Sam 30:6 "(David)***…encouraged himself in the Lord…"***
Matt 6:31-32 "31 Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' "32 For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."

II. This Peace Comes to Those Who Have a S_____ P_____

1) This Involves a C_____That is Defined

This word that is translated as *"gentle"* in the NASV can also be translated as the word *"forbearance"* or *"a yielding spirit*," or perhaps, best translated as *"a sweet r_____."*

Gal 1:8 "But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!"
Phil 2:4 "do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others"
Rom 12:16 "…Do not be wise in your own estimation"
2) This Involves a C_____ That is Directed

1 Pet 2:18 "Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable"

Paul says that our life needs to be characterized by a sweet and reasonable attitude towards e_____ if we want to continue to enjoy the peace of God.

III. This Peace Comes to Those Who Have S_____ P_____

1) This Involves a Comprehensive P_____

This should remind us of the fact that being *"worried"* or *"anxious"* is more than just a bad habit; it is a s_____; it is more than a weakness; it is a w_____.

Matt 13:2 **"***And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful"*

2) This Involves a Comprehensive A_____

2 Kings 19:7 "Behold, I will put a spirit in him (Sennacherib) *so that he will hear a rumor and return to his own land…"* (Emphasis Added)
Isa 37:14 "Then Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the Lord and spread it out before the Lord."
Isa 37:21-22 "21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent word to Hezekiah, saying, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria, 22 this is the word that the Lord has spoken against him"
Isa 37:36 "…when they (The Assyrians *arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead…"* (KJV)

King Hezekiah should never have panicked in the first place; instead, he should have prayed about the situation and rested in the Lord; that would have been a lot less e_____ and whole lot more e_____.

John 10:10 (Reference)
Jer 29:11 "'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope."
Ps 84:11 "…No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly" (NKJV)
Heb 2:14-15 (Reference)
John 11:25 "…'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies"