

Perfect Peace

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Psalm 16:11 - You will show me the path of life; *in Your presence is fullness of joy*; at Your right hand are *pleasures forevermore*.

What if we processed today with the expectation of the faithfulness of God for tomorrow?

What would our state of mind or emotional status be if we truly acted upon the faithfulness of God?

Worry does not empty tomorrow of troubles . . . it empties today of its strength. *Corrie Ten Boom*

Isaiah 26:3 - Thou will keep him in PERFECT PEACE, whose *mind is stayed on thee* . . .

Every person longs for peace; God's Word and plan provide "perfect peace."

Every step into God is a step into righteousness, joy, and peace in the Holy Ghost (Rom. 14:17)

Proverbs 23:7 - For as a man thinks (acts as a gate keeper) in his heart, so is he:

Our thought life is the "gate keeper" to what we permit in our hearts and ultimately to govern our lives!

II Corinthians 10:3-5 - **3** For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. **4** The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have *divine power to demolish strongholds*. **5** We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

When something is taken captive, it loses its power to hurt us.

A thought is taken captive when what you believe and speak about the matter has changed.

II Peter 2:6-8 - **6** And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; **7** And delivered *just or righteous Lot, who was vexed (tired or worn down by continual application)* with the filthy conversation or lifestyle of the wicked: **8** (For **that righteous man** dwelling among them, in *seeing and hearing,*

vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

Even someone who is righteous before God can be brought down if he exposes himself long enough to influences that are contrary to God's view of him.

A soul that is vexed ceases to expect God to act on his or her behalf.

PSALM 42:11 - But, *O my soul*, don't be discouraged. Don't be upset. Expect God to act! For I know that I shall again have plenty of reason to praise him for all that he will do. He is my help! He is my God!

God has provided this in this present world!

Psalm 9:9 - The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge *in times of trouble*.