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Subject: He Brings Peace – Chapter 7

Scripture: John 16:33 New International Version (NIV)

Isaiah 9:6 NIV

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 26:3 NIV

You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.

Isaiah 53:5 NIV

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on
him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

John 14:27 NIV

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 16:33 NIV

³³ "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 20:19-22 NIV

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:1-2 NIV

Peace and Hope

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we^[b] boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Romans 8:6 NIV

⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:6-8The Message (MSG)

⁵⁻⁸ Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them—living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what he is doing. And God isn't pleased at being ignored.

Romans 14:19-21 NIV

¹⁹ Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. ²⁰ Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. ²¹ It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.

Ephesians 4:2-3 NIV

4 ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Book Used for Women's Bible Study this Season:

Discerning the Voice of God How to Recognize When God Is Speaking by Priscilla Shirer Moody Publishers, Chicago ©2012

Subject Consideration:

Peace is a gift that knows no limits. This chapter "He brings You PEACE" causes us to examine the ways in which we may live without realizing the fullness that God has for us and the ways in which we are to fellowship with one another with peace being our foundation.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace! We are grateful that the Lord has come to bring peace and set the captives free. Much of our bondage stems in our mind; our heart and emotions. But we can surrender our hearts, minds and wills in exchange for what Jesus offers will receive power, freedom, greater love and wisdom in how we are Christ-followers.

Jesus was focused on peace, in fact that the first words were these: "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). Showing them his pierced hands and feet..." (p. 106) It is powerful to know that God is so concerned about our presence of mind and heart. From the start by making provision through the power of His Holy Spirit.

Priscilla Shirer further mentions in our reading that Jesus said in John 16:33, "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace." In this text, Jesus was speaking to his disciples who were anxious and concerned because the Jesus was soon to leave them, and they had to exist in the world facing the uncertainties, unfamiliar, and new unclear challenges and opportunities in life without Jesus' physical presence. It was a reasonable worry until Jesus spoke the word to them about peace. This peace is not something that we just speak, and it happens like a wand; but rather this is the peace that comes straight from Jesus. The peace that Jesus gives ensures that we are secure, are able to rest and trust that it will saturate our hearts and minds in Christ.

"God's peace makes all the difference..." (p. 106) Jesus promised them "his peace – a permanent, restful assurance no obstacle or opposition could diminish or destroy, a peace no enemy could touch because it would rest deep within their hearts, locked in their very souls. (p.106)

Let the Peace of God Rule: God's peace brings clarity, confidence and assurance in our hearts that is carried out in our behavior and decisions. "When God speaks, you feel surety about His word to you and the benefits of being obedient to it." (p.108) Ask yourself what are some of the ways you see peace come alive in you?

Peace also comes with a sense of reigning in your hearts; ruling in your hearts and actions. "When peace reigns in a matter we're dealing with – when God's voice is accompanied by deep and assurance and permission – pay close attention to what you're hearing and sensing..." (p110).

Peaceful Relations: As Christians we live our faith in community; as members of the body of Christ we also must be self-aware and self-reflective on how our actions may impact others in positive and or unintended negative ways. As people we have freedom to follow our conscience and will; however, there

are times that we may need to weigh certain decisions considering someone else's progress in the faith. "The Holy Spirit will not lead us to do anything that in any way hinders the peace and unity in the body." (p.113).

Go in Peace: God gives us internal peace and external peace! Hallelujah!! As believers in Christ we can "hear the voice of the Holy Spirit echoing within us, leading us by His peace and calling us to peace with our brothers and sisters." (p.115)

Book Review Questions:

1. What is the name of God associated with peace? What is the Hebrew name? (p108)

2. According to Shirer or in your experience share with us some of the ways in which you sense you are hearing from God? (p 109).

3. What is the *sport metaphor* used to describe the peace that God gives in your heart? What was Paul trying to get them to understand? (p.109)

4. When we are getting an internal nudge to top how do you respond? How do you sense you have freedom to move ahead?

Let us go in Peace!