

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you. Isaiah 26:3

Perfect Peace

Peace: "Perfect Peace" here is literally "Peace, Peace" – an idiom of reduplication meaning, "All Embracing Peace in our Minds" – the way of looking at our lives with a mind-set of trust in God.

The word "Peace" here is not just the absence of war, oppression, threat or sickness. It is a state of being with God where "Shalom" is present in complete measure. In other words, a constant state of wholeness, calm and harmony with God, other people and the creation; this is constant, on-going, and with no danger of ending. This way of life is God's will for us as his people. This way of being and thinking is how God intends for us to live, day-in-and-day-out. As we focus on Jesus and keep him as our center, we get a glimpse of this lifestyle. We can live this way now – it is called Joy – the state of being in God's presence. We are then dealing with reality in real time – we are in touch with God and he is showing us how to live as his people. How to deal with the ups and downs of real life while trusting in God.

Steadfast on God

Steadfast: "Steadfast" here has a meaning of Maintained with an attitude of resolve and undeviating. This is a general perspective in a person that is solidly built upon peace from God.

The word "steadfast" reminds us that God is our "Strong Tower". He is secure and he is our foundation, we therefore can be planted into the bedrock of God's grace and power. When our lives are anchored in God the wind and the waves of life pass over and around us, not dislodging us from our place secured in Christ.

Trust God

Trust: Here the "Trust" is an action word that must be exercised and put into practice.

"Trust" does not just happen. Trust is built. Trust is developed. Trust is planted and fostered and grown. Trust is fully established as a disciple of Jesus learns to experience God's peace and calm that allows confidence in Christ to take root in the life of a disciple. Experiencing a life with Christ is a life changing walk with Jesus that matures and changes us as we realize Jesus in tangible ways; as we experience Jesus, and this supports us all day long, every day...not just on Sundays or in worship times.