

# OUR PURCHASED PEACE



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When Jesus went to the Cross at Calvary, He took all anxiety, worry, fear, and anything that would disturb our peace. He took it all to the Cross, and it was all nailed to the Cross with Him. We are a free people, free from all anxiety, worry, and fear. Our peace has been purchased for us, bought, and paid for by the Blood of God's dear Son.

In the world today, there is no peace, but Jesus purchased our peace on the cross, and it is ours to claim and receive. The peace of God which "passeth all understanding," as Philippians 4:7 tells us. It is a Blood-bought Atonement right to claim and enjoy that purchased peace. Isaiah 53:5 tells us, He was "*Wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*"

On the cross, Jesus bore everything that could disturb our peace; anything that would cause anxiety, worry, fear, wrong thoughts, or unscriptural desires. They are all removed by the atoning sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Perfect peace has been purchased for us, and it is ours, by faith. To believe we have it, we are to act accordingly, and then we will be receiving it by faith.

God did not intend for this world to be without peace. In the beginning, there was perfect peace in the 'Garden of Eden', until Adam sinned by trying to make his own way in this life. When Satan took control of his heart, Adam lost that peace. All these years, the world is still trying to find that peace—the peace that was lost when Adam took a rebellious attitude toward God.

Like Adam, "*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;*"—but the Atonement for our sins and mistakes, by a

Blood sacrifice, has been made on the Cross and—"*the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*" Isaiah 53:6

Anything that God has given to us through the Atonement, gives us a right to claim as a possession. Our peace has been promised by Jesus Himself, AV John 14:27, "*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*" It is our choice to claim our inner peace through the Atonement, or to let it go by default.

We know of only a fraction of the troubles in the world, but God sees every problem, every evil, and He knows why people have such troubles. God is equally aware of the Lake of Fire, and He knows that the majority of people are determined to go to that horrible place of eternal torture, because of rebellion, self-trust, and unbelief. God is trying to save us from this torment and deliver us from our rebellion so we can enjoy all that has been purchased for us.

We are very concerned when a loved one is oppressed because we love them—but God loves us far more than any human love could ever be expressed. He is far more concerned for us than we can be for our loved ones, because He is fully aware of the dreadful trouble coming on all those who will not believe Him, nor trust Him in faith for anything.

Knowing of this rebellion and wickedness in the world—and of the horrible, irreversible fate of anyone who will not admit to their unscriptural attitudes—would be troubling, indeed, but God promises a divine peace for those who will truly trust Him in believing faith.

Jesus said our peace was purchased by Him, so it is our Atonement right to claim it and enjoy it every moment of every day. The divine power of God is in back of that promise to make it true and to make it a perfect peace—peace that will dwell within our heart, that we will enjoy it, in our home, at work, and wherever we may be.

Satan tries to cause worry and fear, but God promises us peace and safety. When we choose to worry, we give permission for the devil to stay. We have an Atonement right to claim freedom from worry

and fear, deliverance from despair, and victory over depression. NIV Philippians 4:6 "*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*"

All worry is from the devil. He wants us to fear what might happen and he wants to picture the worst results. When we know our Atonement rights, we will claim our promised peace. Satan is not permitted to take away our peace, when we claim it in Jesus' Name. AV John 14:27 "*Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*" It is a divine right and our individual choice to accept that advice.

Anxiety comes from believing Satan's lies. If we accept his thoughts on the inside, that will allow him to trouble us on the outside. If we are fearful that the worst could happen, we have allowed Satan to bring about the worst that could happen. We must refuse to accept those thoughts and claim our Atonement rights.

Bible examples show us how to reject fear and accept God's peace. NLT 2 Chronicles 20:1-2 "*The armies of the Moabites, Ammonites, and some of the Meunites declared war on Jehoshaphat. Messengers came and told Jehoshaphat, 'A vast army from Edom is marching against you from beyond the Dead Sea. They are already at Hazazon-tamar.'*" Jehoshaphat feared and was alarmed by the news, which reveals that his faith in God and His love for God were not perfected.

NKJV 1 John 4:18 "*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.*" To be perfect in love would be steadfast in faith on the promises of God. Naturally, the king would be fearful, and he could anticipate the worst—because it could easily have resulted in his capture and execution.

The king and all Judah went before God in prayer—that is our example today. Jehoshaphat gives his entire attention to God and totally trusts on God's divine power. NLT 2 Chronicles 20:6 "*He prayed, 'O LORD, God of our ancestors, you alone are the God who is in heaven. You are ruler of all the kingdoms of*

*the earth. You are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against you!*"

Fervent prayer is total focus on God. No matter how difficult; complex; or how humanly impossible the situation may be, when our eyes and our prayers are focused on God alone—knowing that *"With God all things are possible"*, as Matthew 19:26 tells us, then our Atonement rights can be claimed and enjoyed.

The King mentions what God had already done; NIV 2 Chronicles 20:7 *"O our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend?"* That was the land Abraham told Lot to look over and to select the portion he wanted, and Abraham would take what was left.

Jehoshaphat mentions his divine right to be protected from harm. (verses 8-9) *"They [God's people] have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, 'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.'"*

The king first focused on the power of God; second on the promises of God; third on the forgiveness of God; and finally explaining the situation that had come upon them. The prayer is in divine order, and it would bring a divine response.

The king said that these armed forces want to take from them what God had promised to give them. They have come, he said KJV 2 Chronicles 20:11 *"to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit."* Our prayers should also mention what Satan wants to take from us, and what God has promised to give us.

God tells us that nothing is impossible for Him; in several places from Genesis 18:14, where He says, *"is anything too hard for the Lord,"* and then on to Luke 1:37, *"For with God nothing shall be impossible."* This is promised by Him—through a blood sacrifice that atones for any sin committed against Him. Our problems are placed before the One who answers AV Philippians 4:6 *"in every thing by*

*prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."*

And then we have 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:14, *"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:"*

We can also include in our prayers AV 2 Chronicles 20:12 that *"we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee."* Every human plan and power are laid aside, and our trust is on the promise and power of God. If we would take that same stand of faith and believe on the same promises of God, our deliverance, healing, or victory would be given.

When our faith and trust is on the divine power of God, and our dependence is on His Word and promises, the devil will flee, and we will enjoy God's peace. NKJV James 4:7-8 *"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."*

That will always be our choice—trust on God or trust on something else. *"Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts"*—by a believing faith on the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

As Jehoshaphat and all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. 2 Chronicles 20:14-15 *"The Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah. He said: 'Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. 17 You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.'"*

NIV 2 Chronicles 20:18 *"Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. 22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; [and they started to fight among themselves NLT] and they were defeated."*

If we will let go of our ways and not go by sight, let God fight our battles in His way, believe we have the victory, many more testimonies would be heard. We are to thank and glorify God for the victory—before seeing anything. Because He is faithful that has promised.

The responsibility to set a right example in our home and among our loved ones, is right on our shoulders. Jesus is at the door and is waiting for a response. Are you listening AV Revelation 3:20 *"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him."* The invitation is given; a sacrifice has been made; Jesus is patiently waiting, so now the choice is ours.

The only thing that stood between Israel and death, was the Word and the promise of God. We can be sure they slept that night in peace—just as Daniel in the den of lions, or as the apostle Paul in a prison—singing hymns at midnight—praising before receiving. It is acting in faith on the promises of God NKJV 2 Chronicles 20:21 *"They went out before the army and were saying: 'Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever.'"*

Acting in faith on the promise of God, resulted in a huge victory. They claimed their atonement right to be delivered, and God was faithful to His Word. NIV 2 Chronicles 20:25-26 *"There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it. On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Beracah, where they praised the LORD."*

It is a promise, the believer's Atonement right to health and healing; protection and provisions; peace and victory in all things, is ours to claim, believe, receive, and enjoy by faith on the power of God. *"The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed"* AV Isaiah 53:5. That is the way God works when the need is placed completely in His hands.



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