

Peace in the Midst of the Storm
(June 14, 2020 by Rev. Anthony Menzel)

Too much going on...

We need lots of hard words from the Lord Jesus to help us to become better...

***Jeremiah 6:14

They have also healed the [a]hurt of My people [b]slightly,
Saying, 'Peace, peace!'
When *there is* no peace.

However, in the midst of so many trials, the Lord Jesus also wants to teach us how to walk in peace.

***Isaiah 26:3-4

You will keep *him* in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on You,
Because he trusts in You.

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Trust in the Lord forever,
For in Yah, the Lord, *is* [b]everlasting strength.

Today the Lord Jesus wants me to minister words of hope and peace even as we are in the midst of tragedy all around us.

***Matthew 8:23-26

23 Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. **24** And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. **25** Then His disciples came to *Him* and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"
26 But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

It's important to remember what is going on in the world so that we can pray about it and we can do our part to make things better...

***James 5:13-20

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. **14** Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders

of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. **16** [j]Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, [k]fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. **17** Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. **18** And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

Bring Back the Erring One

19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, **20** let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save [l]a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

***1 John 3:16-18

16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. **17** But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

But at the same time we cannot let the struggle consume us...
We cannot let the enemy steal our peace and our joy...

***Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am [f]gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

***Psalm 127:1-2

Unless the Lord builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it;
Unless the Lord guards the city,
The watchman stays awake in vain.

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*It is vain for you to rise up early,
To sit up late,
To eat the bread of sorrows;
For so He gives His beloved sleep.*

***Philippians 4:6-7

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **7** and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Remember that peace is one of the fruit of the Holy Spirit.
Producing fruit for God includes winning souls, but it also includes developing godly character in our lives...

***John 15:5

5 "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

***Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** [a]gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Rev. Mary received a series of words from the Lord along these lines:

***Psalm 27:7

Hear, O Lord, *when* I cry with my voice!
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

***Psalm 28:6

Blessed *be* the LORD,
Because He has heard the voice of my supplications!

***Psalm 29:11

The Lord will give strength to His people;
The Lord will bless His people with peace.

So we need to make the Lord Jesus, and let Him give us His rest...

He will protect our souls and spirits...

He will also protect our bodies unless we have to suffer in the body to give Him glory...

***Matthew 16:24-27

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. **25** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. **26** For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? **27** For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

***Proverbs 18:10

The name of the Lord *is* a strong tower;

The righteous run to it and are [e]safe.