

Peace be Still

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Psalm 85:8 “I listen carefully to what God the Lord is saying for He speaks Peace to His faithful people”

Psalm 119:165 “Great peace have they that love My law and nothing shall offend them.”

As we are quiet before the Lord and lovers of His word, we will receive His gift of peace. For it is a gift according to John 14:27 “I’m leaving you with a gift: peace of mind and heart and the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”

Our Father in Isaiah 26:3 says this, “I will keep you in perfect peace if your minds (thoughts) are stayed on Me.” Perfect peace is expressed in Hebrew by the word Shalom. This means that the Father will keep all who trust in Him in all that the word “Shalom” implies. That is an enormous promise. Why? Because “Shalom” implies health, happiness, and well-being. In this verse the Hebrew word for thoughts is a word meaning creative imagination, the seat of plans and ideas and is firmly founded on the eternal Lord. By keeping your thoughts upon the Lord, as opposed to what is happening all around you, God’s supernatural peace will be yours in all of its implications.

His Kingdom is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to lead you and guide you into all truth? Romans 5:1 says “Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. In this same chapter it says five times that righteousness is a gift. We are to reign in this life because of our Lord Jesus Christ! Think of all the gifts He has paid for. Peace of heart, peace of mind, righteousness, joy, just to name a few.

I remember one morning several years ago when the Lord spoke to my heart Psalm 112:6-7. I sensed God say “your heart is fixed and established in Me, you will not be afraid of evil tidings.” Later that morning the doctor’s office called with bad news concerning my husband. Oh, the peace and undisturbed composure I had! I had already heard from my Abba Father! He desires for us to walk in the Spirit for in the Spirit there is life, and peace. You will know the truth and the truth will set you free!

Ephesians 2:14-17 shows us that “He is our peace!” Spending time with Him you will surely know His wonderful peace. He is interested in an ongoing relationship, a close bond with every one of His children.

Philippians 4:6-8 gives specific instruction on how to enter into this peace. “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are noble, are true, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy, meditate on these things.” Remember Isaiah 26:3 “He will keep us in perfect peace if our minds are stayed on Him!”

The NIV Bible in Proverbs 14:30 says this: “A heart at peace gives life”. Being in a relaxed state is good for your heart and that is why it is important to walk in peace. Stress is not good for us. God knows this for He made us. He has given us everything we need to live victoriously and at peace! Peace is a rare commodity in our current world. Jesus said in this world you will have tribulation but in Me you may have peace! The choice is clear and it is yours to make.

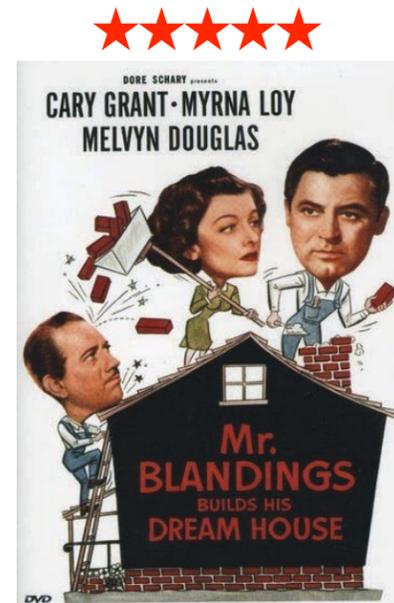
Peace, peace, God’s peace
Coming down from the Father above
Peace, peace, wonderful peace
The world cannot understand and
The world cannot give.

I close with these thoughts: Peace to you and your households and to all that you have.



Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House – 1948

Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House is a funny, charming film about a couple with two daughters who find that their New York apartment is simply too small for comfort. When Mrs. Blandings suggests alterations to the layout to give them more room, Mr. Blandings decides that it would be more sensible to buy a larger house out in the Connecticut countryside. Unfortunately, the house they buy is in such a state of disrepair that the only option is to demolish it and start again. And so the fun begins. Cary Grant is just brilliant as the increasingly despairing advertising man who is so bogged down in unexpected bills that he loses his job, as well as almost losing his sanity. A strong story, good script, good actors who understand the art of proper timing and a competent director to pull it all together are a rare commodity nowadays. This is a fun film that has stood the test of time.



Toy Story, 2, 3, 4 – 1995, 1999, 2010, 2019

The Toy Story series of movies are among our favorite Disney animation films. What's not to love about these movies? The characters are charming, loyal and endearing. We wonder what it would be like to have a real toy as your best friend. The movie has lots of different emotions in each scene. Toy Story is a pleasure to watch because it has such interesting stories and great characters. We loved the comedic bickering between Buzz and Woody playing opposites. How could you not like the mindless behavior of Rex, the seriousness of Woody, the outlandishness of Buzz, the curiosity of Jessie and the outright antics of Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head etc.

