



Fresh Fruit: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit: Lesson 4 (Peace)

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PEACE OF GOD

Read Psalm 91 Feeling Safe in God's Care

1. When you were a child, what made you feel safe and secure?
2. Read Psalm 91 – What images does the psalmist use to describe God's protective care?
3. What types of dangers are mentioned in the psalm?
4. What are some modern-day dangers we might face?
5. Is the psalmist really promising that nothing bad will happen to those who trust in God? Explain.
6. In Luke 4:10-11, Satan applies the promise of this psalm to Jesus. Yet how do Christ's own experiences cause us to examine the type of protection God offers?
7. What does it mean to make the Most High our "Dwelling" and "Refuge" (Psalm 46:9)?
8. In verses 14-16, the psalmist becomes silent and God speaks. Read these verses to yourself, substituting your name for the pronouns he and him. How does it make you feel to have the Lord speak to you in that way?



PEACE WITH OTHERS:

Read Romans 12: 17-21

9. Read Romans 12:17-21 - Why are we often tempted to repay evil with evil?

10. Give examples of some of the ways people and countries repay evil with evil?

11. Paul commands us to live at peace with everyone – with two qualifications: “If it is possible” and “as far as it depends on you” (Verse 18). Why are these qualifications important?

12 Why do you think God forbids us to take revenge, reserving vengeance for himself? (Verse 19/Deuteronomy 32:35)

13. How can the promise of God’s wrath help restrain our desire for revenge?

14. In addition to giving food and water to our enemy, what are some other ways we might overcome evil with good?

15. Think of someone who has recently mistreated you. What might you do to promote peace with that person?