

Isaiah

The Only Refuge for Peace

Isaiah 57

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Read for next week: Isaiah 58

Where is your refuge when life's stresses flood your thoughts and cause you to feel overwhelmed and anxious?

Timeless Truth: *Only the Lord is the refuge who provides permanent peace for the humble.*

THREE EVIDENCES THE LORD IS YOUR REFUGE

1. Boldly display an upright life in the midst of a wicked culture (vv 1-2)

Love our Lord Jesus, love our families, love our church, and love the Gospel

Righteous people purposefully live centered on Christ, willingly suffer for what pleases Christ, fearlessly die to glorify Christ, and knowingly enter God's presence with permanent peace because of Christ.

2. Humbly fear the Lord by taking refuge in Him alone (vv 3-13)

God's rebuke of Judah's idolatry (vv 3, 7, 8, 9, 10)

Isaiah 3:8-12

God's questions to Judah (vv 4, 5, 6, 11)

God's sentence for those who forget that He is worthy to fear (vv 12-13a)

God's mercy for those who forsake idols and take refuge in Him (v 13b)

3. Unashamedly praise the Lord Who provides permanent peace for the humble (vv 14-21)

God isn't okay with the obstacles we try to make work

Oppressed and Lowly of spirit -

Peace, Peace (*Shalom, Shalom*) –

Questions to consider:

Have you settled with the obstacles of sinful habits, hurts, and hang-ups that prevent you from seeking the Lord for His restorative comfort and permanent peace? What are you going to do about it?

How is humility displayed in your relationship with Jesus and is He where you go for refuge? Why or why not?

What idols are you ready for the Holy Spirit to empower you to tear down so that you can boldly walk upright in Christ's power?