

It's *all* about
Jesus.

All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16

Advent #2
He is Our Peace
Is. 9:2-7 & Eph. 2:11-22

PEACE



For a child is born to us,
a son is given to us.

The government will rest on his
shoulders. And he will be called:
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His government and its peace
will never end.

Shalom = order, completeness, soundness



As in the days of Midian,

 Devoid of human effort

 Against great odds

 Supernatural in nature

 To His glory alone



One day, He will rule with fairness and justice from the Throne. But for those who follow Him, our peace begins now!

"So then, we must pursue what promotes peace and what builds up one another" (Rom. 14:19).


How Do we Maintain Peace?





We must obey God's Word

"Abundant peace belongs to those who love Your instruction; nothing makes them stumble. . . . I obey Your decrees and love them greatly" (Ps. 119:165, 167). Peace reigns when we live in harmony with him - when we do what he tells us to do.

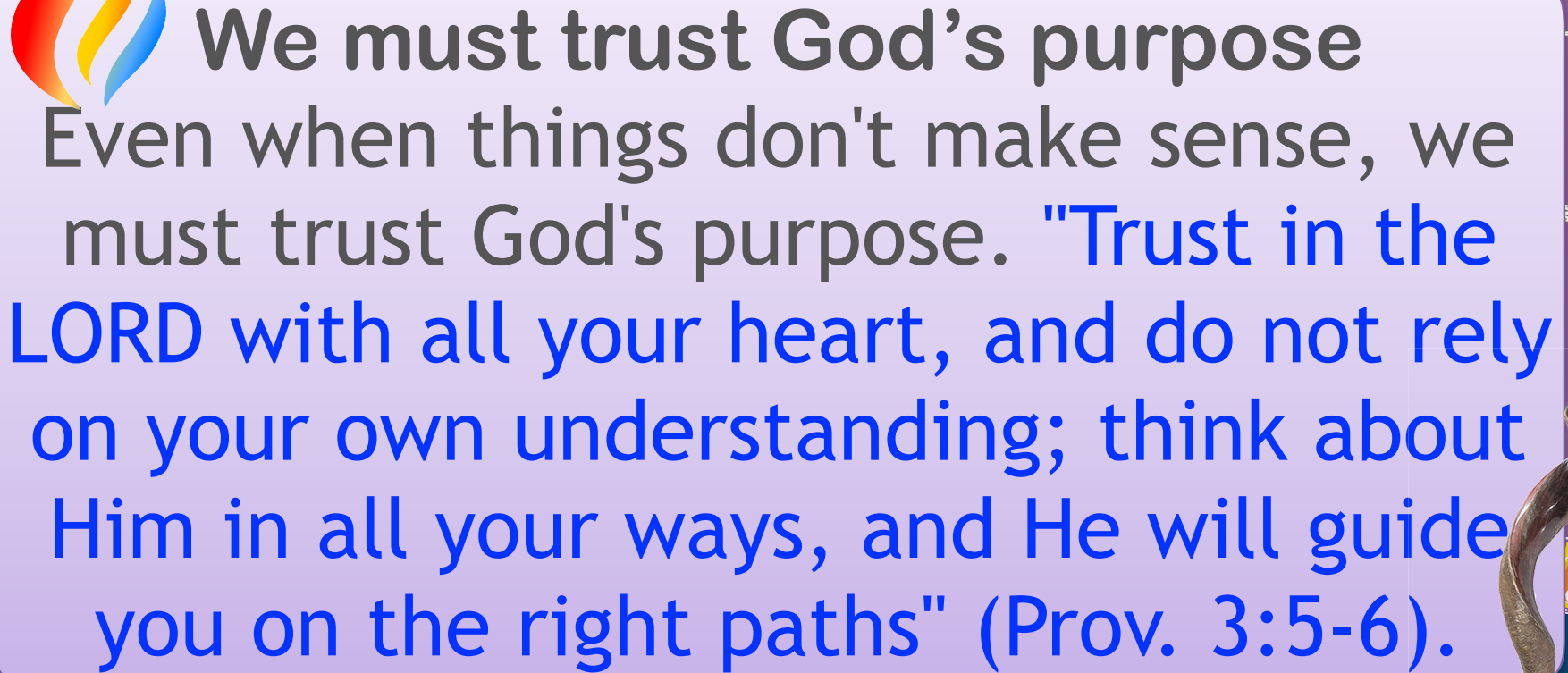




We must focus on God's presence

We must learn to sense His presence. "You will keep in perfect peace the mind [that is] dependent [on You], for it is trusting in You " (Isa. 26:3). We have a choice of either focusing on our problems of focusing on God, who holds the solution.






We must trust God's purpose
Even when things don't make sense, we must trust God's purpose. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths" (Prov. 3:5-6).



We need to ask for it

"Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7). Notice the order - *first prayer and then peace.*



For the mountains may depart
and the hills be removed,

but **my steadfast love** shall not depart from you,
and **my covenant of peace** shall not be removed,”
says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 54:10

