

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 26:1-4 & Mark 5:25-34

SINGING: 179:1-4 – 102:1-5 – 120:1, 3 – 149:1, 2, 5, 6

INTRO: How sweet is the Gospel peace! (Rom. 5:1)

ISAIAH'S DESCRIPTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF PERFECT PEACE

I. Who is the secret of this peace?

II. What is the secret of this peace?

I. WHO IS THE SECRET OF THIS PEACE ISAIAH SPEAKS ABOUT?

A. The prophet doesn't just speak about peace but *perfect peace*

1. Best illustrated with Ps. 46:1-3, Hab. 3:17-18; Matt 8:24

B. The secret of this peace is not the believer

1. The secret of this *perfect peace* is the *God of peace*

2. The secret of this peace would remain mystery if God didn't reveal it

3. The secret of this peace is *unimaginably costly*: Is. 53:5

4. The secret of this peace is that *God will keep one in peace* (Is. 26:3)

II. WHAT IS THE SECRET OF THIS EXPERIENCE OF PEACE?

A. Only believers who will experience this peace (see Is. 57:21)

1. Because *their mind is stayed on Thee*

a. mind is thought – *meditation* – *desires* – *inner being*

b. stayed is *leaning upon*

c. Thee: *All sufficient and merciful majesty of heaven and earth*

2. They 'stay upon Him' because they trust Him

B. The secret of *experiencing* this perfect peace is through faith

1. Faith is the fruit of God's Spirit

2. Faith in Jehovah is also God's way to minister peace to soul