

There Is No Peace For The Wicked

Text: Isaiah 48:17 - 22

Introduction: God is speaking here and Israel is a type of Christian.

I. God Gives Peace To Those That Obey Him. - V.18

A. In the Old Testament a peace offering was made. The sacrifice was accompanied by an offering of unleavened cakes mingled with oil. The fat was burned on the altar; the right shoulder of the animal sacrificed was given to the priest; the breast was a wave-offering. The rest was to be eaten by the offerer upon the day of offering. This offering was given to have peace with God.

B. What Is Your Peace Offering?

1. Our Love – 1 John 2:4,5 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

2. Our Service – at home – at your church – Job

3. Your Tithe

C. The World does not understand God's Peace – Phil. 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

1. Peace is the absence of war and turmoil

2. Peace is a good restful night's sleep

3. Peace is a lack of strife or stress – number one killer

II. God Gives Direction To Those That Seek It! - V.17

A. The place for every born again believer is to be in God's will.

B. God has a perfect plan for your life. Do you know what it is?

1. Like a parent, God wants only the best for His children.

C. Don't be a Jonah! Jonah 1:1 - 3

III. God Gives Blessings to Those That Love Him! – V.17

- A. Blessings come in many different packages – like Christmas
 - 1. Proverbs 10:6 Tells us that Blessings *are* upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
 - 2. How many of you want God's blessings?
- B. The prayer of Jabez won't do you any good. God will not bless us unless we are where He can Bless us.
- C. How much do you really love Him?
- D. Do you make any sacrifices for Him? Like your time.