

# WELCOME TO THE MOB!

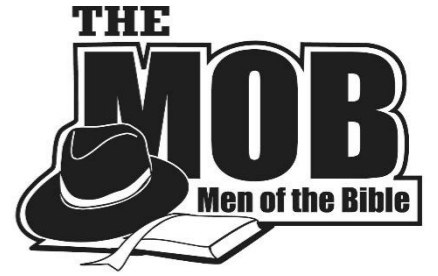
**All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)**



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# Announcements



- **IBC Easter Concerts**
  - **Friday 22 March 7:30pm**
  - **Saturday 23 March 3 & 7pm**
  - **Sunday 24 March 5pm**
  
- **MOB Easter break | 26 March - No MOB**

- **Invocation/Prayer**

- **Hymn:**

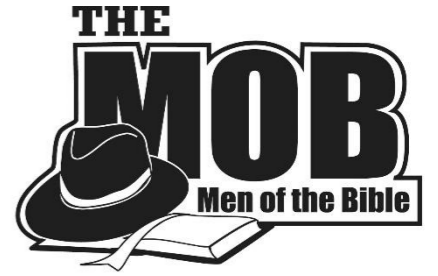
**It Is Well With My Soul**



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# It Is Well With My Soul

By Horatio Stafford, Music: Phillip Bliss v1 of 4



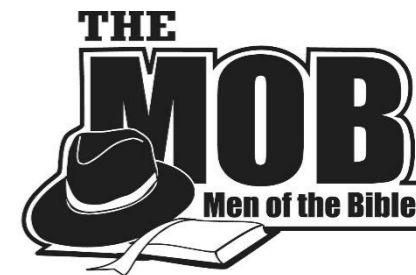
**When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."**

**It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);  
it is well, it is well with my soul. ■**



# It Is Well With My Soul

By Horatio Stafford, Music: Phillip Bliss v2 of 4



**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should  
come,**

**Let this blest assurance control:**

**That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed his own blood for my soul.**

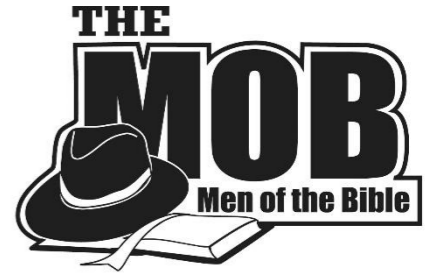
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# It Is Well With My Soul

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**My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

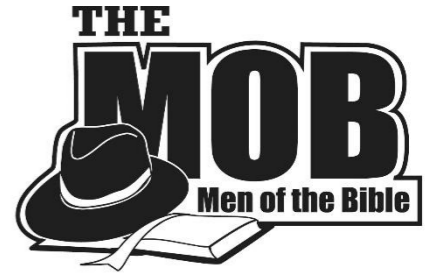
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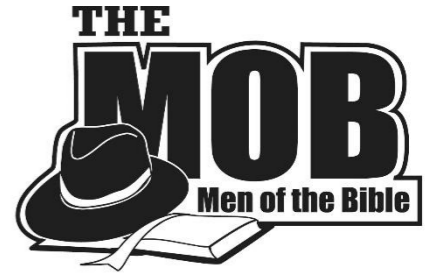
**O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall  
descend;  
Even so, it is well with my soul.**

**It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);  
it is well, it is well with my soul. ■**



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# Memory Verse



**Isaiah 57:20 (ESV)**

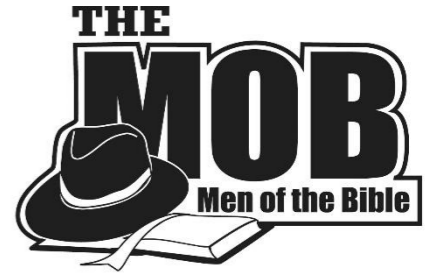
**But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up mire and dirt.**





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# Our Study of Isaiah



## ■ Last Meeting:

- ❑ Isaiah 56 | Blessings for All Nations; Israel's Sinful Leaders
- ❑ Memory Verse: Isaiah 56:7
- ❑ *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2023 Ed., pp. 401-408; Motyer, pp. 459-469*
- ❑ Refreshment Host: F

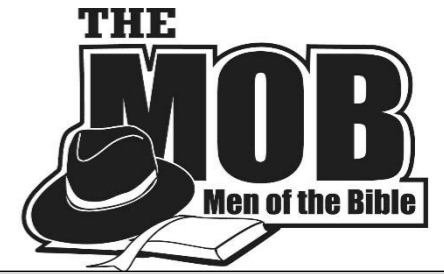
## ■ Tonight:

- ❑ Isaiah 57 | Israel's Futile Idolatry; Comfort for the Contrite
- ❑ Memory Verse: Isaiah 57:20
- ❑ *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2023 Ed., pp. 408-415; Motyer, pp. 469-478*
- ❑ Refreshment Host: G



# Isaiah Outline

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Focus	Prophecies of Condemnation								Historical Parenthesis		Prophecies of Comfort					
	1:1		35:10						36:1	39:8	40:1		66:24			
Divisions	Prophecies Against Judah		Prophecies Against the Nation		Prophecies Against the Day of the Lord		Prophecies of Judgement and Blessing		Sickness and Sin	Hezekiah's Salvation	Israel's Deliverance	Israel's Deliverer		Israel's Glorious Future		
	1:1	12:6	13:1	23:18	24:1	27:13	28:1	35:10	36:1	39:8	40:1	48:22	49:1	57:21	58:1	66:24
Topics	Prophetic								Historic		Messianic					
	Judgement								Transition		Hope					
Place	Israel & Judah															
Time	740 - 680 B.C.															

We are here!

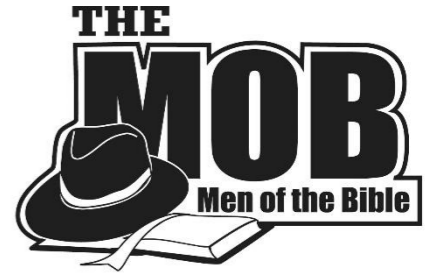


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Peace



No-Peace



Righteous



Wicked

Deeds

Relationship with God

Ultimate end

It is your choice! But choose wisely.

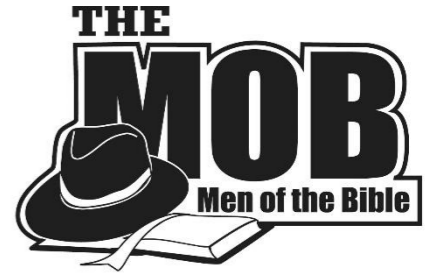


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## Remember

**8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD.**

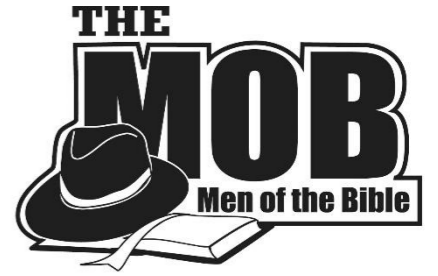
**9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8–9)**

Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture quotations are from NASB95



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# Isaiah 57:1-2 The Righteous Man



<sup>1</sup> The **righteous man** perishes,  
and no man takes it to heart;  
And **devout men** are taken away,  
while no one understands.



For the **righteous man** is taken away from evil,

<sup>2</sup> He enters into **peace**;

They rest in their beds, *Each one* who walked in his **upright way**.

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**Shalom =**

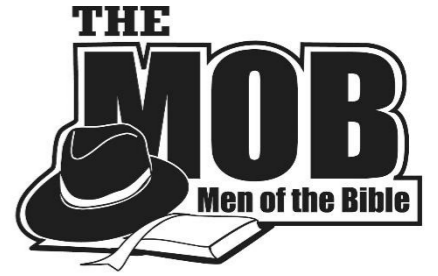
- **wholeness, unity, and harmony**
- **fulfillment that comes to human beings when they experience God's presence**

**(Richards, Expository Dictionary of Bible Words)**



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## Isaiah 57:3 Listen Up!



<sup>3</sup> “But come here,  
you sons of a **sorceress**, Offspring of  
an **adulterer** and a **prostitute**.

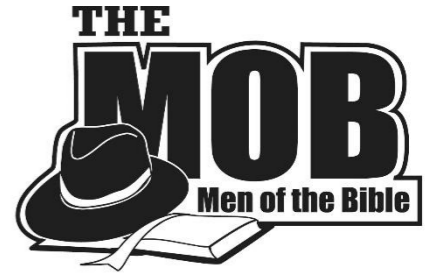
- A command to come before YHWH.
- God calls them sons of a sorceress, offspring of an adulterer and a prostitute.
  - Not necessarily referring to their physical heritage but to their spiritual choices, to the lifestyles they choose to follow as if they were emulating parents.





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## Isaiah 57:4-6



**4 “Against whom do you jest? Against whom do you open wide your mouth And stick out your tongue? Are you not children of rebellion, Offspring of deceit, <sup>5</sup> Who inflame yourselves among the oaks, Under every luxuriant tree, Who slaughter the children in the ravines, Under the clefts of the crags? <sup>6</sup> “Among the smooth *stones* of the ravine Is your portion, they are your lot; Even to them you have poured out a drink offering, You have made a grain offering.**

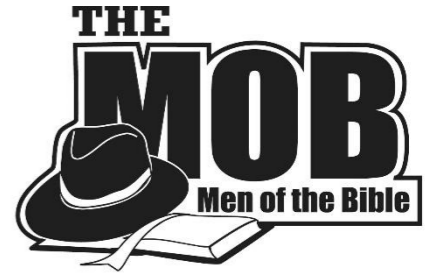
**Shall I relent concerning these things?**





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## Isaiah 57:7-8

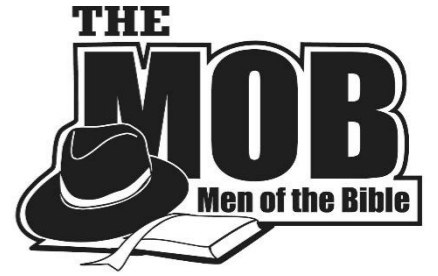


**7 “Upon a high and lofty mountain You have made your bed. You also went up there to offer sacrifice. 8 “Behind the door and the doorpost You have set up your sign; Indeed, far removed from Me, you have uncovered yourself, And have gone up and made your bed wide. And you have made an agreement for yourself with them, You have loved their bed, You have looked on *their* manhood.**



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## Isaiah 57:7-10



**9 “You have journeyed to the king with oil And increased your perfumes; You have sent your envoys a great distance And made *them* go down to Sheol. 10 “You were tired out by the length of your road, *Yet* you did not say, ‘It is hopeless.’ You found renewed strength, Therefore you did not faint.**

# Isaiah 57:3-10

## Summary of Their Deeds

**Sorcery**

**Adultery**

**Prostitution**

**Rebellion**

**Deceit**

**Child sacrifice**

**Idol worship**

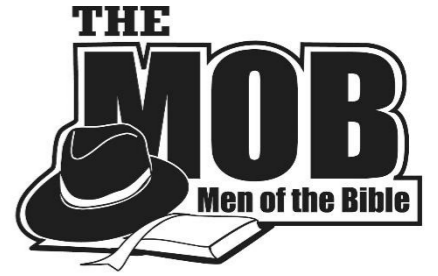
**The nation prostituted with foreign kings**





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## Isaiah 57:11a



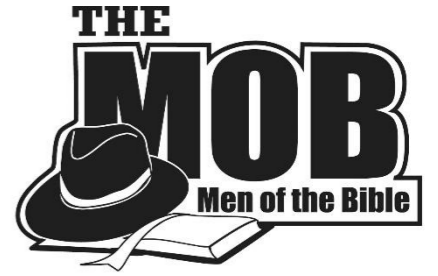
<sup>11</sup> “Of whom were you **worried** and **fearful** When you lied, and **did not remember Me Nor give Me a thought?**

**The fear of man brings a snare, But he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted. (Proverbs 29:25)**



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## Fear – cont'd



### Remember

**“I, even I, am He who comforts you. Who are you that you are afraid of man who dies And of the son of man who is made like grass,**



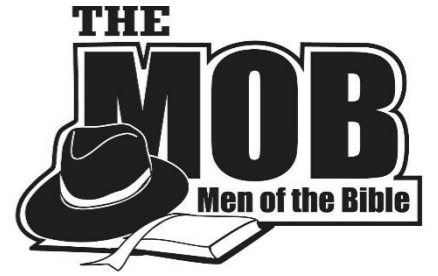
**<sup>13</sup> That you have forgotten the LORD your Maker, Who stretched out the heavens And laid the foundations of the earth.**

**(Isaiah 51:12–13a)**



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## Isaiah 57:11b-13



**Was I not silent even for a long time So you do not fear Me? <sup>12</sup> “I will declare your righteousness and your deeds, But they will not profit you.**

**<sup>13</sup> “When you cry out, let your collection of *idols* deliver you. But the wind will carry all of them up, *And* a breath will take *them away*.**

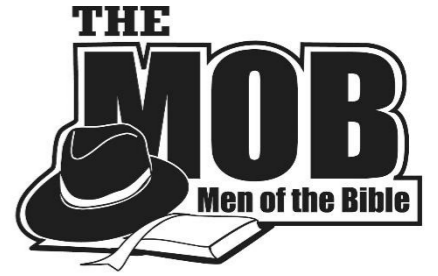


**But he who takes refuge in Me will inherit the land And will possess My holy mountain.”**



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# Application: Your Refuge?



**Where will you turn in times of trouble ???**

**Idols**



**God**

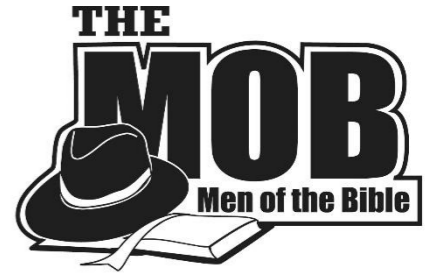
- \* No substance**
- \* Smoke & mirrors**
- \* Poof!**

- \* Inherit the Promised Land**
- \* Possess His holy mountain**



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# Idols – Do You Have Them?



**One of the best ways to find out whether we have idols in our lives is to ask ourselves, 'Where do I instinctively turn when I face a decision or need to solve a problem?' Do we reach for the phone to call a friend? Do we assure ourselves that we can handle the situation ourselves? Or do we turn to God to see His will and receive His help?**

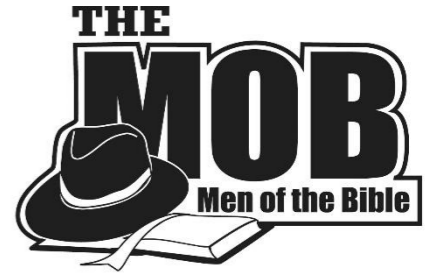
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## Refuge - Isaiah 57:14-15



### “Refuge in Me” continues

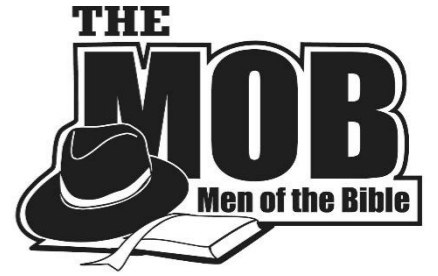
**14** And it will be said, “Build up, build up, prepare the way, Remove *every* obstacle out of the way of My people.”

**15** For thus says **the high and exalted One** Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, “I dwell *on* a high and holy place, **And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit** In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.



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## Isaiah 57:16-17

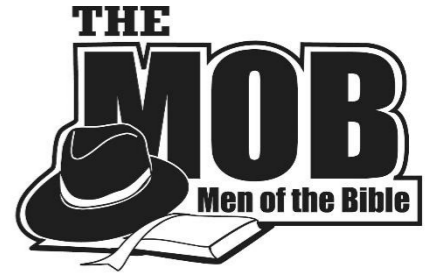


**16 “For I will not contend forever, Nor will I always be angry; For the spirit would grow faint before Me, And the breath *of those whom* I have made. 17 “Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry and struck him; I hid *My face* and was angry, And he went on turning away, in the way of his heart.**



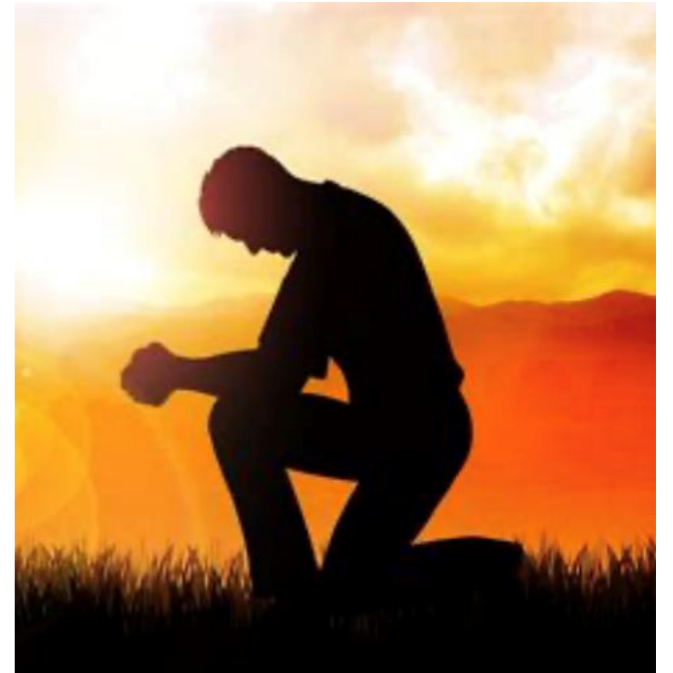
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## Isaiah 57:18-19



**18 “I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and to his mourners,  
19 Creating the praise of the lips.**

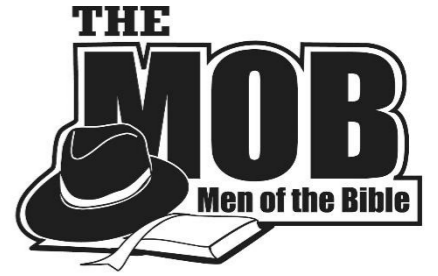
**Peace, peace** to him who is far and to him who is near,” Says the LORD, “and I will heal him.”





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## Isaiah 57:20-21



**20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea, For it cannot be quiet, And its waters toss up refuse and mud.**

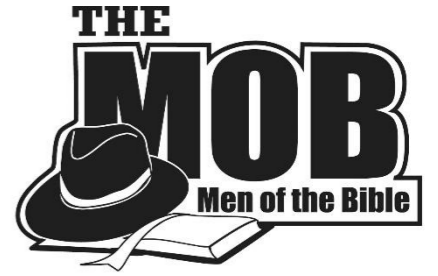
**21 “There is **no peace**,” says my God, “for the wicked.”**





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# Shalom, Shalom



The Hebrew word for “peace” is *shalom*. It is derived from a root that conveys the image of wholeness, unity, and harmony – something that is complete and sound.

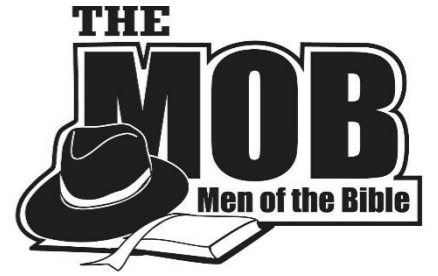
Although “peace” is essentially a relational concept in the OT, it also conveys the idea of prosperity, health, and fulfillment... fulfillment that comes to human beings when they experience God’s presence.

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# The Cost of Shalom



**Christ paid a high price so that you and I can have peace with God:**

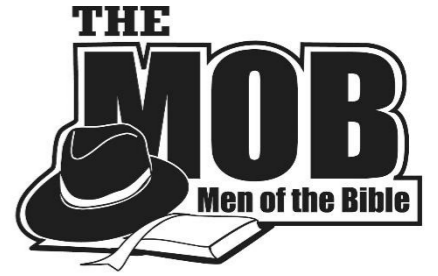
**But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us **peace**,  
and with his wounds we are healed.**

**(Isaiah 53:5, ESV)**



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# Peace in the New Testament

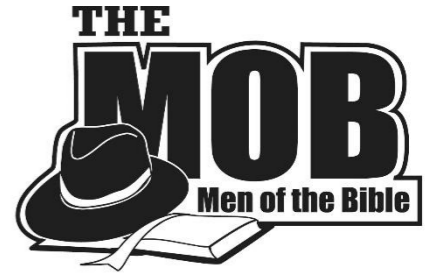


- **“Peace** I leave with you; My **peace** I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. (John 14:27)
- **“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace.** In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)



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## Peace in the New Testament p.2



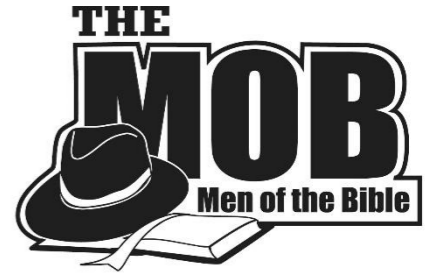
- Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1)
- <sup>19</sup> For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, <sup>20</sup> and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made **peace** through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven. (Colossians 1:19–20)





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# Experiencing God's Peace



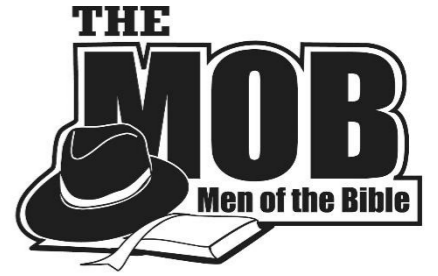
**The story of tonight's hymn – “It Is Well With My Soul”**

**I pray that you know God's peace. I pray it is well with your soul. If not, ask about it in your small group!**



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# Next Week



## Tonight:

- **Isaiah 57 | Israel's Futile Idolatry; Comfort for the Contrite**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 57:20**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2023 Ed., pp. 408-415; Motyer, pp. 469-478***

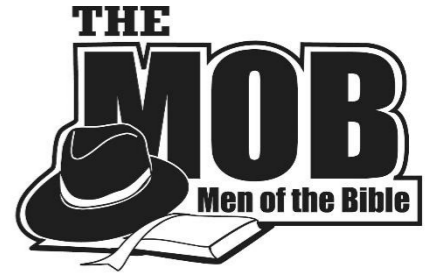
## Next Week:

- **Isaiah 58 | Righteousness and Ritual**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 58:5**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2023 Ed., pp. 415-421; Motyer, pp. 478-484***
  
- **Refreshment Host: H**



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# Discussion Questions

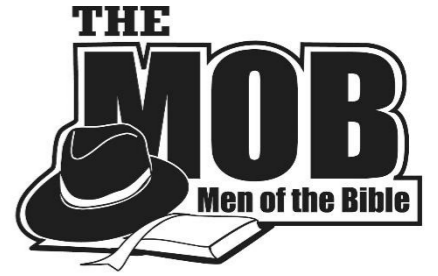


- 1. Verse 2 mentions “peace” (“shalom” in Hebrew.) What is the meaning of “shalom”? Why is it desirable?**
- 2. In contrast to the righteous man, verses 3-13 provides a laundry list of rebellious deeds and attitudes. What are some of them? What kind of rebellious deeds do people practice today?**
- 3. In verse 11, God asks a key question “Of whom were you worried and fearful when you lied, and did not remember Me Nor give *Me* a thought?” Who has power over you to cause worry, fear, and ignoring God? What can you do about it?**



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## Discussion Questions p.2

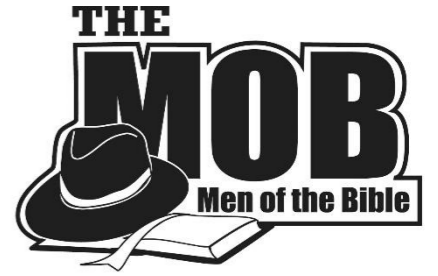


4. **Verse 12 says the deeds and righteousness of the rebellious people will be judged and found wanting. How do we cultivate true righteousness and godly deeds that will be of true profit?**
  5. **Verse 13 points to the inheritance available for those who take refuge in God. What is that inheritance? How would you know that you are taking refuge in God?**
  6. **In verse 15, how can God, “the exalted One Who lives forever,” who dwells in a “high and holy place” also dwell with the contrite and lowly?**
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## Discussion Questions p.3



7. **Verse 18 promises God's healing. What is included in God's healing? Do you look to God for healing, even in the midst of all of life's challenges?**
  8. **What do verses 18-19 tell us about God's peace?**
  9. **What is the difference between people who receive "Peace, peace" and those who have "no peace"? How can you make sure that you are on the right side of that?**
  10. **Have you experienced and/or witnessed this kind of peace/lack of peace**
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