

02/11/14 - God Gives Peace to Those Who Trust in Him

RG 021114 AUDIO

Isaiah 26:1-11

A number of years ago, the pastor of a Christian church in Jerusalem was asked by some tourists what prayer request they could take back to their congregation. The pastor said, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem" (Ps. 122.6). He went on to explain that in his congregation there were both Arabs and Israelis, both groups contained Christian brothers and sisters, and they enjoyed Christian fellowship. However, in the city, at that time in its history, there were some ancient issues needing yet to be resolved between the two cultures.

**Challenge to Holy Living**

The setting of Isaiah 26 is a song to be sung in the land of Judah, a song of salvation and steadfast hope. It is an expression of assurance, of obedience, and of peace, the hallmarks of the relationship God desires with His people.

Isaiah (26:2-4) reminds us that a peace-filled, holy life is the outcome of our unshakable trust in God. Psalm 46 also calls us to "Be still [tranquil, at peace], and know that I am God" (v. 10).

So, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem [for all God's people]: they shall prosper that love thee" (Ps. 122:6, KJV).

Author: Richard H. Neiderhiser