

THE PEACE OF GOD



Wings of Peace Jessica Eli

“Come see a man who told me all I ever did!” said the Woman at the Well.

The villagers were stunned by the change in her.

Their disdain for this woman vanished as they followed her out to the well to meet the man who had changed her forever.

What was it about this woman that now gave her such authority?

The peace of God.

For the first time in her life she had peace.

You could see it in her face.

You could hear it in her voice.

She drank Living Water from this strange Jewish man who met her at the well,

and found peace.

Saul of Tarsus was on his way to round up the Jewish heretics in Damascus and drag them back to Jerusalem to face the music.

.... Until he was struck down by the glory of God and heard the voice of the one he despised...

“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

As he stumbled blindly into Damascus, Saul was coming close to the treasure which had eluded him all his life.

Saul had fire, but no peace.

When Ananias prayed for Saul, not only did his eyes open, his heart found what it longed for:

The peace of God.

The Treasurer of Ethiopia was drawn to God far more than he was drawn to money.

So hungry for God was this man that he learned the Hebrew language and came all the way to Jerusalem to study Hebrew Scriptures. On his way home, he was sitting in his chariot, pondering the meaning of Isaiah 53, when a stranger asked him,

“Do you understand what you’re reading?”

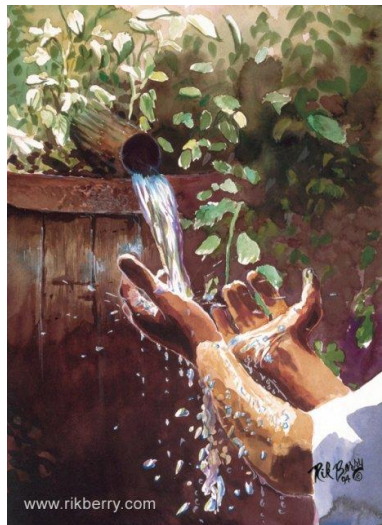
“Can you help me?” says the Ethiopian to Philip.

As Philip revealed the meaning of Isaiah 53, the Ethiopian found it at last...

The peace of God.

Baptized by Philip, the Ethiopian went on his way rejoicing.

The peace of God comes to us as we drink from that Fountain of Living Water.



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***Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you;
not as the world gives do I give to you.***

John 14:27

That peace surrounds us, protects us and guides us from the instant we abandoned the kingdom of this world for the Kingdom of God.

When two or three are gathered in his name, Jesus is there.

“Peace be with you,” says the Master, and heaven fills the room.

But for all its power, God’s peace is fragile.

If I walk around with an attitude, if I cling to a grudge, God’s peace begins to fade.

If I refuse to let that peace rule my heart, it says “Have it your way,”

.... leaving me to stumble on in darkness.

No wealth, no dream, no honor is worth the forfeiting of that peace.

God’s peace is ours forever, if we allow it to rule in our hearts.

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Prayer

Dearest Jesus, how we need the peace you offer us, now more than ever. Lord help us to let go of anything that blocks the peace of God from ruling in our hearts. Cause us once again to come close and drink your Living Water and find your true peace. Keep us in you. Wrap our hearts, minds, fears, and troubles in your peace. Keep us seeking you, desiring you and the precious peace you offer us.

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