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TEXT: Haggai 2:8,9; 2 Corinthians 6:16

KEY VERSE: Haggai 2:9

Dear Prayer Partner:

"and in this place will I give peace and prosperity, says the Lord of hosts."

God's Spirit dwelt in man. It was perfect communion. Man's spirit was in constant communication with God – spirit to spirit. That is how God communicates.<sup>1</sup> Then sin came and broke that bond. God, nonplused, continued the plan that had been since before the ages, the eternal plan of redemption. His Spirit would again live in man, and this time *nothing* would *ever* come between God and man again. As His covenant plan unfolded, God made temporary measures to begin to bring man back into that perfect fellowship.

God would place His Spirit upon a person for a short time, for a specific purpose,<sup>2</sup> and sometimes it was removed.<sup>3</sup>

God placed His Spirit in the tabernacle, and then in the temple in Israel. It was a picture of the temple in which His Spirit would remain.<sup>4</sup> One day the Spirit of God would dwell in a permanent temple, not made with hands. He would dwell forever in the heart of man again, fellowshipping as He did with Adam. The name for this fellowship is "eternal life." It is the life God lives. It comes upon the temple where God lives.

<sup>2</sup> Numbers 11:25; Judges 3:10, 11:29, 13:25; 1Samuel 10:6,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> John 4:24

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 1 Samuel 16:14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ezekiel 36:25-27

Then came the Man in whom the Spirit of God "rested."<sup>5</sup> A "second Adam"<sup>6</sup>was born, and God's Spirit dwelt in Him. As the first Adam, He walked in constant communication with His Father. He did not "strive".<sup>7</sup> In the chaos of His day, He lived in peace. He relied on the Father to guide all that He did. He did that to show us how to do it, then He died to make it possible. You and I can do all He did by the same spirit. The Spirit of God now dwells in us the same as He did in Jesus.

"For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.""

You are that temple. You are the dwelling of the living God.

"and in this place will I give peace and prosperity"

Where the Spirit of the Living God dwells, there is peace and prosperity! God's Spirit dwells in you as a believer. He declared, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine," then He said, "Where My spirit is, I will put peace and that gold and silver that I own!"

The world is going nuts! The end result of throwing off God is coming to pass! **Chaos!** Do not join it! The Almighty God lives in you! Wherever you go you take peace and prosperity! In the middle of the chaos you can walk in perfect peace. Let the heathen rage. Refuse to rage with them. Trust your Almighty Father that He can bring peace in Chicago, or Joliet NRC, or Shawnee on 23:1 lockdown, or Phoenix, or Tampa, or wherever your family is. Refuse to die, walk through the valley of the shadow of death with the biggest thing in the valley – your Father!

Whether you are in the prison, or one of our, dear partners outside the fences, know that the God who planned it all put His own self to live in you so that He could bring you "peace and prosperity", his kind of life, eternal life. Like Peter, fix your eyes on Jesus, and walk **over** the tempest! Like Jesus, take a nap in the back of the boat, and let the world's storm rock you to sleep!

## Glory to God!

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Isaiah 26:3

Do not join the craziness. Walk through it in perfect peace. It belongs to you because you are the temple of the living God, and He gave peace and prosperity in this place.

God bless you all!

John Kerr Isaiah 50:7; 42:6,7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> John 1:32

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 1 Corinthians 15:45

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Matthew 12:19; "to devote serious effort or energy" Merriam-Webster