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\*Postlude

***THINKING OUR WAY TO PEACE***

Philippians 4:8-9

- I. We all have an inner desire to get back what we lost in the garden.
  - A. Two weeks ago we focused on the **unity** that was lost.  
(as evidenced in broken relationships)
  - B. Today we will continue what we began last Sunday and look at the **peace** that was lost.  
(as evidenced in a never ending anxiety)
    1. Paul tells us that we find peace through prayer –  
we receive the peace of God. (4:4-7)  
Being people who rejoice – who are gentle with others – who focus on Jesus – who pray (*A.C.T.S.*)
    2. Paul tells us that we find peace through edifying thoughts – we know the God of peace. (4:8-9)
- II. Have you ever considered the “**Power of Thought**”
  - A. The focus of our thoughts – *Think about such things.* (4:8)
    1. Whatever is **true** = reliable or valid or trustworthy
    2. Whatever is **noble** = worthy of respect or has integrity
    3. Whatever is **right** = just or ethical
    4. Whatever is **pure** = moral or virtuous
    5. Whatever is **lovely** = agreeable or good
    6. Whatever is **admirable** = of good report
    7. Whatever is **excellent** = of merit or value
    8. Whatever is **praiseworthy** = applaudable or glorifying  
(Who does this describe?)
  - B. The example to follow: *Put this into practice.* (4:9)
    1. ... what you have **learned** from me
    2. ... what you have **received** from me
    3. ... what you have **heard** from me
    4. ... what you have **seen** in me  
(Paul’s testimony - it is possible)
- II. The Result: “**And the God of peace will be with you.**” (4:9)  
Why? Not because we have taken over our thought life ...  
but because Jesus Christ now controls our thoughts ....  
**we have the mind of Christ!**  
(1 Corinthians 2:16)

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\*Hymn No. 106 *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory;  
strength and honor give to His holy name!  
Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children.  
In His arms He carries them all day long:  
*Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness;  
praise Him! praise Him! ever in joyful song!*

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
For our sins He suffered, and bled and died;  
He, our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
Hail Him! hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.  
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows;  
love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:  
*Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness;  
praise Him! praise Him! ever in joyful song!*

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring.  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;  
Crown Him! crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!  
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,  
pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong:  
*Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness;  
praise Him! praise Him! ever in joyful song!*

\*Invocation  
Scripture Reading      Philippians 4:8-9

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup>

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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The Peace of God .... The God of Peace

\*Hymn No. 494 Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, over all victorious in  
its bright increase; perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day;  
perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Refrain:

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest—  
finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, never foe can follow,  
never traitor stand; not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,  
not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

Refrain:

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest—  
finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above, traced upon our dial by the  
Sun of Love; we may trust Him fully all for us to do—  
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

Refrain:

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest—  
finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Offering of Thanks and Praise  
Offertory

Sermon Continued

*The Power of Thought*

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 493      *It is Well with My Soul*      (vs. 1)

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

Sermon Concluded

Application

Song of Response

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction No. 492      *Perfect Peace*

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace  
whose mind is stayed on Thee.”  
~ When the shadows come and darkness falls,  
He giveth inward peace.  
O He is the only perfect resting place,  
He giveth perfect peace,  
“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace  
whose mind is stayed on Thee”

\*Postlude