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Intro Music - "My Father Is So Good To Me"

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God's Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what's happening to us in our daily lives.

I'll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I'll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is: **Tension**

Have you ever seen the word "Tension" on a sign, maybe on someone's wall that seemed unclear but it sizzled when you looked at it. It used to be popular art a number of years ago and it certainly gave that feeling.

The trouble is that today "Tension" is with us 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There seems to be no way to get away from it. It doesn't matter if it's the internet, TV, radio, news, our phones or computers, or any one of the things that connect to it.

And there is tension in the relationships with our families, our coworkers, people who try to serve us in stores and other businesses. The schools and principals, teachers and people on the school boards.

Ah yes, then there are the politicians who remind us all day, "Get your vaccination or you won't be able to go here or there! Or maybe they threaten that your children won't be able to attend school or be treated by a doctor.

Jesus said in John, chapter 14: verse 27, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful"

First, if we look at the peace that Jesus is speaking about, we have to understand who it is, that's speaking to us. He is described in the beginning of John's gospel as "the word of God made flesh".

And from Isaiah, chapter 40: verse 8, it says, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

And from Proverbs, chapter 30: verse 5, it says, "Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him."

And from Isaiah, chapter 55: verse 11, it says, "So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

And from Proverbs, chapter 30: verse 5, it says, "So faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ."

And from the book of Mark, chapter 13: verse 31, Jesus says, "Heaven and Earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

So Jesus, who is the "Word of God" will give us his peace, but I think that our understanding of God's peace is different than we understand it to be. His peace is without the "tension" we live with in this world. And from the book of Isaiah, chapter 11: verse 10, God says, "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall 'seek Him and His resting place shall be glorious."

Now the root of Jesse is Jesus and it describes His place of rest starting at verse 6 saying, "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And the little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain."

For the earth shall be <u>full of the knowledge of the Lord</u> as the waters cover the sea.

So this is the kind of peace that will exist in Jesus resting place. The *peace of Jesus,* without *tension.*

I have often heard other Christians, Pastors and teachers say, "When I get to heaven I going to ask Abraham this or I would like to know how David felt about that", but notice that scripture says that the earth shall be full of knowledge of the Lord.

We won't need to ask anything because our brains will be full of the knowledge of things concerning the Lord and his people.

Can we have any of the peace here on the Earth that the Lord said he would give us? Yes!

Jesus said if we put our faith in Him as the Son of God sent by the Father to take our sins and receive the Holy Spirt, we can have that kind of peace here. To be calm within the storm and to be at peace knowing that God knows the number of days we will live on this earth and will be there to take us home with Him when it is done.

Back Ground Music Starts and

I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given *His Son Jesus, the good shepherd* to bring you back to him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with **The Storyline Of The Bible**, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.

And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these **Bible Seeds**: my commentary on some of these readings.

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