First Fruits First The Battle for Peace October 1, 2022

*You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You,*

*because he trusts You*.

[Isaiah 26:3]

 Peace is a prized possession. It doesn’t come easy. Even war can be justified in the name of peace. How can this be? How do I keep myself at peace in the midst of the battle? Where do I find this state of tranquility?

The answer is right in front of us: “*Whose* ***mind*** *is stayed on You*.”

 There are different Hebrew terms for mind. Here it’s ye*-tzer*. This word is not just about any of our thoughts, rather it refers to our **creative imagination**. In fact, if we follow the translation from **Isaiah 26**:**3** from Hebrew to English, this verse would read:

“*The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You*”

God starts with the **creative imagination** of the steadfast mind. So, how does my thinking affect my state of being?

My mind **stays** focused on the Person of my Heavenly Father, Who sent His Firstfruits to be my defender. “Staying” speaks of security.

In sailing lingo, “stays” are the strong wires that secure the upper parts of the mast to the sides of the ship. Stays give added strength to the mast and hold it in place when the wind blows hard.

My security, my state of being, is assured because I focus my creative imagination on the One in whom I have absolute trust – my Abba.

What’s your challenge? Here’s your solution: In God We Trust.

Start here and your victory is assured. Be at peace.