

I should not say that. There are some surely that are caused by purely physical causes. But in most cases it is worry and anxiety. God wants us to realize that Jesus Christ by His death on calvary's cross destroyed the power of Satan and if you belong to Christ, Satan can't do anything to hurt you. He can cause you pain. He can cause you disappointment. He can bring things into your life you don't like, but if God permits him to do it, it is because God has a good purpose in that, and in the end it will produce your happiness and your joy, and your greater effectiveness in serving Him.

The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and we should have well-being in every aspect of our personalities and even of our bodies. When the Christian has suffering in his body, it may be that he is suffering as a result of some sin he has committed. It may be some misfortune he has gone through. But if he is a real Christian he can consider that a large part of it, perhaps all of it is because God desires for his well being and desires him to develop into the kind of person God wants him to be.

When I was quite a young lad, several of my friends ~~ad~~ had appendicitis and were operated on, and I became very frightened. I started to pray that God would protect me from it, not having had that. I've had a life remarkably free from physical suffering of that kind. But after I had prayed that prayer for a short time, I decided that that was not what God wanted me to pray and I stopped praying it. Instead I prayed that God would send me the lessons he wanted me to have, that he would send me the experiences he wants ~~me~~ to go through in order to make me the sort of person He wants me to be, as I live with him through all eternity.

So I prayed if possibly he would send me such an experience without my having to through physical suffering and misery, but if there was no other way to do it that he would send ~~xxx~~ whatever was necessary in order to get the results he wants me to have. The chastisement of our peace was upon him. Not merely the cessation of hostilities nor merely that which would give us pleasure, but that which leads to our well-being in the fullest sense as we think of individuals who are not to live a few years and then be through, but who are getting ready for an eternity with Him.

Now this phrase, "the chastisement of our peace"-- how many have heard any ~~xxxx~~ one not referring to the Bible but in some other connection use the word chastisement or chastize within the last year? I would be surprised if any of you had(have). It is an old English word. I fear that the average person who knows nothing about the Bible, picking up the Bible and turning to Is.53 and reading this phrase would not get much sense out of it. It would not mean much to him. But he would get sense if he read the NIV. The NIV says "the punishment that brought us peace was upon him." There is a translation which makes absolute sense, to anyone who reads it. But it does not get the whole sense of the original. And you don't need to know much Heb. in order to