

Daily Devotional

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Theme: Devoted to Him Alone

Text: *1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NIV*

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it

Thought: What a promise! One would expect to see all God's children clinging to it, claiming its fulfillment! However, it seems as though many believers do not see the riches of the promises in this text as being for themselves. Just listen to what is written here.

God who gives peace. The peace spoken of here is the peace brought by the sacrifice on the cross, the peace that passes all understanding, a peace that only God can give. God, who gives peace, promises to make you devoted to Him in Christ and in the Holy Spirit.

As if he knows that the riches of promises in the verse will be too much for us, Paul repeats and strengthens it in the second part of the verse: spirit, soul, and body; *spirit* the inner core of one's being, created to live in fellowship with God; *soul*, the center of life; and *body*, the means by which sin and death got a foot in the door, but which was made alive in Christ.

And then he adds that God is faithful to keep the promise. All He asks is that you stay close to Him each day. As the sun warms your body, so the warmth of His nearness will awaken your devotion. May you experience this.

Prayer: Father, I have but one prayer in your presence: Make me wholly devoted to You.