

Peace Understood
2nd Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:26-38

“We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God.”

- Thomas Merton

Three lessons for us to take from Mary about God's peace.

1. Peace does not _____ on _____.

“Peace is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of God.”

- J. Oswald Sanders

2. Peace is _____, not _____.

- Peace doesn't mean being a doormat.
- Peace isn't just saying “yes” to everything that comes your way.
- Peace isn't giving up your own will.

Contrast with the World - God's Way:

- To get ahead, you must _____.
- To find freedom, you must become God's _____.
- As we seek his peace, we must _____ him.
- Luke 4:17-19

3. All peace is _____ peace.

- John 14:27
- God cannot give us happiness and peace apart from himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing. You cannot have the peace of God without peace with God. - C.S. Lewis