“...and a time for peace.” (Eccl. 3:8) Peace, what a concept. Ever since I can remember I have heard politicians talk about “peace in our time.” You would think they would be intelligent enough to know that it was not true, yet they seemed to try selling it to everyone. What they are talking about is “world peace” and it is just never going to happen. It never has and there is no reason it ever will.

Peace can be obtained however, if one knows how to go about it and the only way we can find that is in the Bible, God’s Book. The word is used close to 400 times in scripture so it must be an important concept.

Isaiah gives us the way to peace. “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee.” (Is. 26:3) When you study the history of Israel entering the promised land, God made them promises that he would keep them and take care of them. (Ex. 18:23)

The question of peace is found in one’s trust in God. How many times through the scriptures has God promised to be with us, protect us, see us peaceful, regardless of the turmoil around us.

As I sit in my advanced years and observe the scuttling about of those much younger, dealing with all kinds of things in life, I think perhaps we might have missed the boat by not teaching the young how to have peace in a world of turmoil.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.” (John 14:27)