

The Sermon on the Mount

Blessed are the Peacemakers; Matthew 5:9

Blessed are those who seek to be emptied of themselves

The spiritually poor

Those who mourn

Those who are gentle

Matthew 5:3-5

Blessed are those who seek to be filled with the things of God

Righteousness

Mercy

A Pure Heart

Matthew 5:6-8

Blessed are those who seek peace in relationships, Matthew 5:9

Exposition of Matthew 5:9

Matthew 5:9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

Blessed: Happiness or inward joy that comes from God

Peace and Peacemakers

Peace: soul rest, soul satisfaction, a sense of well-being

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

John 16:32-33 Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.

Peace: the ceasing of hostilities, the end of war

Proverbs 6:16-19 There are six things which the Lord hates, Yes, even seven which are an abomination to Him: ... And one who spreads strife among brothers.

Romans 12:17-18 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with everyone.

Titus 3:10-11 Reject a divisive person after a first and second warning, knowing that such a person has deviated from what is right and is sinning, being self-condemned.

Romans 16:17-18 Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. For such people are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

I Corinthians 1:10-11 Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. For I have been informed concerning you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you.

James 3:13-14 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

James 3:15-16 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

James 3:17-18 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

The promise that staggers the imagination

Progression of blessings for kingdom citizens – in the kingdom, receive comfort, inherit the earth, fulfilled, receive mercy, see God, called sons of God

Peacemakers are called "Sons of God"

Like last week, "they will see God" has Gospel implications

So also does this week

Peacemakers are called "Sons of God" because peacemaking is a very divine thing to do

God has made peace with us through Christ

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

Romans 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

When we work for peace, we are imitating our Father in Heaven in the same way that children imitate their earthly parents

We are most like God when we reconcile broken relationships even at great personal cost for this is what God Himself has done in His Son Jesus Christ