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THE GREATEST SERMON EVER PREACHED
Matthew Chapter 5

Beatitude #7

Matthew 5:9 (KJV)

⁹ *“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.”*

Luke 2:11-14 (KJV)

¹¹ *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

¹² *And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*

¹³ *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,*

¹⁴ *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)

⁶ *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

When referring to peace, the Bible means an agreement to end hostilities between those who have been at war. It is a state of tranquility or calm. The Hebrew word for peace is “SHALOM.” Shalom is the climax of the priestly benediction in Numbers 6:24-26.

Number 6:24-26 (KJV)

²⁴ *The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:*

²⁵ *The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:*

²⁶ *The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.*

Peace is the reconciliation between persons or groups who are at odds. It removes strife, contention, dissent and animosity. It keeps centrally in view the holy love of God. Peace makers are makers of peace; those who try to maintain the unity of the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:1-2 (KJV)

4 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Romans 12:18-19 (KJV)

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

The Promise: They shall be called the Children of God.

The reward of the peacemaker is that God will acknowledge him/her as a Child of His. The peacemaker is one in spirit with our Heavenly Father. Peacemakers are only doing what the Son of God, Jesus, our Christ our elder brother did. Anytime and anywhere there is continual confusion, conflict and controversy, **God is not there.**

1st Corinthians 14:33 (KJV)

33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

Beatitude #8**Matthew 5:10-12 (KJV)**

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

The key to understanding this beatitude is given in the clause “**For righteousness sake.**” For righteousness sake means “**on account of the Son of God.**” When a person is under the favor of God, there is a special anointing on his or her life. To be under the anointing of God is to accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and Lord and receive the Holy Spirit to dwell in your spirit.

The Holy Spirit is activated in you. God’s Spirit gives the anointing. It simply means that the **Anointed One** resides in you.

Happy are those who are persecuted because they are doing what God requires. The Kingdom of heaven belongs to them. Happy are you when people insult you, persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers.

One of the most dangerous weapons used by satan to persecute the anointed is the **tongue**.

James 3:6-8 (KJV)

⁶ *And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.*

⁷ *For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:*

⁸ *But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.*

Exodus 23:1 (KJV)

²³ *Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.*

The gossip has the devil **on his tongue** and the listener has the devil **in his ear**.

The Promise: For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

When folk persecute you and say all manner of evil against you, it is an affirmation of your position with God. It is an assurance of your citizenship in heaven. You can be certain that you are a Kingdom resident.

When you are the subject of gossip and rumors, take solace in knowing that you are a **“Kingdom Citizen.”**