Matthews Gospel "The Sermon On The Mount" "The Peacemakers" Matthew 5:9 Part-14

- Matt 5:9
- Hebrews 13:20
- Isaiah 9:6

We will ask 4 questions in our study this morning:

- 1. Who Are The Blessed?
- 2. What Is A Peacemaker?
- 3. What is The Blessing of Being A Peacemaker?
- 4. How Do You Become A Peacemaker?

1. Who Are The Blessed?

• Matt 5:9

We're looking at The Sermon on The Mount, Matthew 5-7 We're looking at the section called The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12

Beatitudes - means "have these attitudes"...beautiful attitudes (not DO-Attitudes)

"Blessed" "Oh how happy.....To be envied...happiness"

Blessed (divine happiness) is **God's blessing and approval upon us**, Literally "The applause of heaven"

Who Are The Blessed? Those that God approves, heaven applauds, they have the blessing from Him.

Beatitudes 1-4 Our Response to God:

- 1# Beatitude is "Blessed is the Poor in spirit"
- 2# Beatitude is "Blessed are those who mourn"
- 3# Beatitude is "Blessed are the gentle"
- 4# Beatitude is "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for

righteousness"

Beatitudes 5-8 Our Response to Man: (Merciful, Pure, Peace Maker, Persecuted)

- 5# Beatitude is "Blessed are the Merciful"
- 6# Beatitude is "Blessed are the Pure in heart"
- 7# Beatitude is "Blessed are the Peacemakers"

2. What Is A Peacemaker?

V.9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

6 Things that Peace is Not:

- 1. Peace is not merely the absence of activity
- 2. Peace is not achieved through exhaustion
- 3. Peace is not just getting away from reality
- 4. Peace is more than the absence of hostility
- 5. Peace is not natural
- 6. Peace is not at all costs
- 1 Cor 5:12-13

What is Peace? Peace is not the absence of something bad; rather it is **the presence of something good**.

Peace - The Word "peace" is found 400 times in the Bible. In the Old Testament, the word "peace" is shalom - "a state of wholeness and harmony that is intended to resonate in all relationships." Peace - lit. "having all the righteousness and goodness God can give! It's peace from God.

When **Shalom** is used as a greeting, "it is a wish for outward freedom from disturbance as well as an inward sense of well-being." To a people constantly harassed by enemies, peace was the premiere blessing.

Peacemaker - Lit. "A person that is whole and in harmony with God is

resolving conflict thru truth, bringing to light the righteousness of God"

There are 3 types of people:

- 1. Peace-Breakers
- 2. Peace-Fakers
- 3. Peace-Makers

1. Peace-Breakers:

Paul had some strong words for these peace breakers:

• Romans 16:17-18

Make sure that we are not part of the problem:

- Eph 4:29-31
- 2 Cor 12:20

2. Peace-Faker:

It's interesting that Jesus is not calling us to be "peace-keepers, but peace-makers."

• Ephesians 4:25

3. Peace-Maker:

Peacemaker - "Maker" It literally means "to do" or "to create."

Peace must be pursued: • Psalm 34:14

- Romans 14:19
- Ephesians 4:3
- 1 Thessalonians 5:13

Being a peacemaker can be lonely:

• Psalm 120:6-7

Peace must be prayed for: • Psalm 122:6-8

The promoter of peace finds joy: • Proverbs 12:20

Pleasing God is the qualification for peace: • Proverbs 16:7

Those who bring peace have beautiful feet: • Isaiah 52:7

Jesus gives peace unlike any other: • John 14:27

Fellowships grow during times of peace: • Acts 9:31

We must do everything possible to live at peace:

• Romans 12:18

Righteousness is rewarded to peacemakers: • James 3:18

Jesus is the model for peace: • Ephesians 2:14-17

God's Solution:

- 1. Man Must Get Right with God: (Peace with God) Rom. 5:1
 - Rom. 5:10
 - Isa. 48:22
- 2. Getting Right With God means Peace of God: Col. 3:15
 - 2 Thess. 3:16 you all.
- 3. Getting Right With God means we can have Peace with each other:
 - Eph. 2:13-14

Being a peacemaker involves being a troublemaker!

• Matt 10:34-37

Luke 23:5 said of Jesus "He sirs up the people"

Acts 21:28 said of Paul that he was a "Troublemaker"

3. What is The Blessing of Being A Peacemaker?

• Matt 5:9

2 Blessings -

1. Blessed

2. For they shall be called sons of God - Literally "They, and they alone shall be called sons of God."

called - (Lit.) The word "called" means to be officially designated as holding a particular rank or office like when a chairman is named, or a captain is chosen, or a spokesman is designated. "Owned or they shall be owned sons of God"

Bible uses the term, "son of" the person is "of" their father, and therefore resembles him. It often bears the meaning, "partaker of the character of."

4. How Do You Become A Peacemaker?

5 Questions to ask myself:

- 1. "Am I at peace with God?"
- 2. "Do I Control my tongue?"
 - James 1:19-20
- 3. "Do I Think of Christ's glory?"
- 4. "Am I constantly thinking of self?"
- 5. "What opportunities has God placed before me?"

Conclusion: