The Beautiful Attitudes, *Lessons from the Sermon on the Mount*

Happy Are the Peacemakers Matthew 5:9 - November 16, 2025

Stand and Read

v1 *And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:*

v3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

v5 *Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.*

v7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Lessons of History by Will and Ariel Durant *"War is one of the constants in history, and has not diminished with civilization and democracy. In the last **3,421 years** of recorded history only **268** have seen no war."*

Jeremiah 17:9 *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?*

What Is Peace?

Hebrew 13:20 *...the God of peace…*
Isaiah 9:6 *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Peace is the Presence of Something Good

Numbers 6:24-26 *The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.*
1 Corinthians 1:3 *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
Luke 2:14 *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!*
2 Thessalonians 3:16 *Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way.*
Philippians 4:7 *and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*
2 Corinthians 5:18 *Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.*

Peace Must Be Pursued

Psalm 34:14 *Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.*
Romans 12:18: *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*
Ephesians 4:3 *endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*
1 Thessalonians 5:13 *esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.*

Peace Must Rule Our Hearts

Colossians 3:15 *And let the peace of God rule in your hearts...*
1 Corinthians 12:13 *For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.*

God is the Source of Peace

Colossians 1:19-20 *For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.*
John 16:33a *These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have **peace**...*

Christians Are The Ambassadors of Peace

2 Corinthians 5:18 *Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.*
v19 *that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*
v20 *Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.*

Called Sons of God

John 8:44 *You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.*
John 1:12-13 *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

Matthew 11:28 *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*
2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*