

The Victory of Peace

Day 1: The Source of Peace

Bible Reading: Matthew 5:9, Romans 5:1-2

Devotional: Today, we reflect on the blessedness of peacemakers and the peace we have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Peacemaking is intrinsic to our identity as God's children. As you ponder the depth of peace that comes from reconciliation with God through faith, consider how this foundational peace affects your relationships with others. Are you actively seeking to bring peace into your environments, or are you content with the absence of conflict? Prayerfully ask God to help you embody the peace that comes from Him in every interaction today.

Questions for Reflection:

1. What does it mean to be called a child of God in the context of peacemaking?
2. How does being justified by faith through Jesus bring peace into your life?

Day 2: The Wholeness of Peace

Bible Reading: Psalm 34:11-14, Isaiah 26:3

Devotional: Shalom, the Hebrew word for peace, signifies completeness and wholeness. As you engage with today's scriptures, meditate on the fullness of peace that God desires for your life—a peace that affects all aspects, not just the absence of strife. Consider areas in your life that may be fractured or incomplete. Invite God into these spaces to bring His perfect shalom. Trust that as your mind is steadfast on Him, He will keep you in perfect peace.

Questions for Reflection:

1. In what ways can you pursue peace and seek it actively as described in Psalm 34?
2. How can a steadfast mind focused on God lead to sustained peace in your life?

Day 3: The Sacrifice of Peace

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:18, Philippians 4:6-7

Devotional: Reconciliation is a key aspect of peacemaking. As ministers of reconciliation, we are called to restore relationships and reflect God's peace to others. Today's reading reminds us of our role and the peace that transcends understanding, which guards our hearts and minds in Christ. In your prayers today, bring your anxieties before the Lord with thanksgiving, and trust Him to fill you with His peace as you extend it to others.

Questions for Reflection:

1. How can you be a minister of reconciliation in your current relationships?
2. What anxieties do you need to surrender to God to experience His guarding peace?

Day 4: The Victory of Peace

Bible Reading: Romans 16:20, Isaiah 9:6-7

Devotional: The victory we have in Jesus is inseparable from the peace He brings into our lives. He is the Prince of Peace, and His governance promises an increase of peace without end. Reflect on the assurance that God will soon crush Satan under your feet, and let this promise empower you to live in the victory and peace of God's kingdom. Consider how you can manifest this peace in the face of life's battles and challenges.

Questions for Reflection:

1. How does understanding Jesus as the Prince of Peace change your perspective on current struggles?
2. In what practical ways can you walk in the victory that God's peace provides?

Day 5: The Active Pursuit of Peace

Bible Reading: Hebrews 12:14, Psalm 85:10

Devotional: As you conclude this week's focus on peace, consider the active pursuit required to live peaceably with all. Hebrews instructs us to strive for peace with everyone, a pursuit that is essential to seeing the Lord. Today, meditate on the harmony of God's qualities—mercy, truth, righteousness, and peace—as they converge in your life. How can you actively strive for such peace in your interactions today? Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance to be an instrument of God's peace in every circumstance.

Questions for Reflection:

1. What steps can you take to strive for peace with everyone around you?
2. How do mercy, truth, righteousness, and peace interact in your life to create harmony?