

Matthew 5:9

Paying the Price for Peacemaking



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

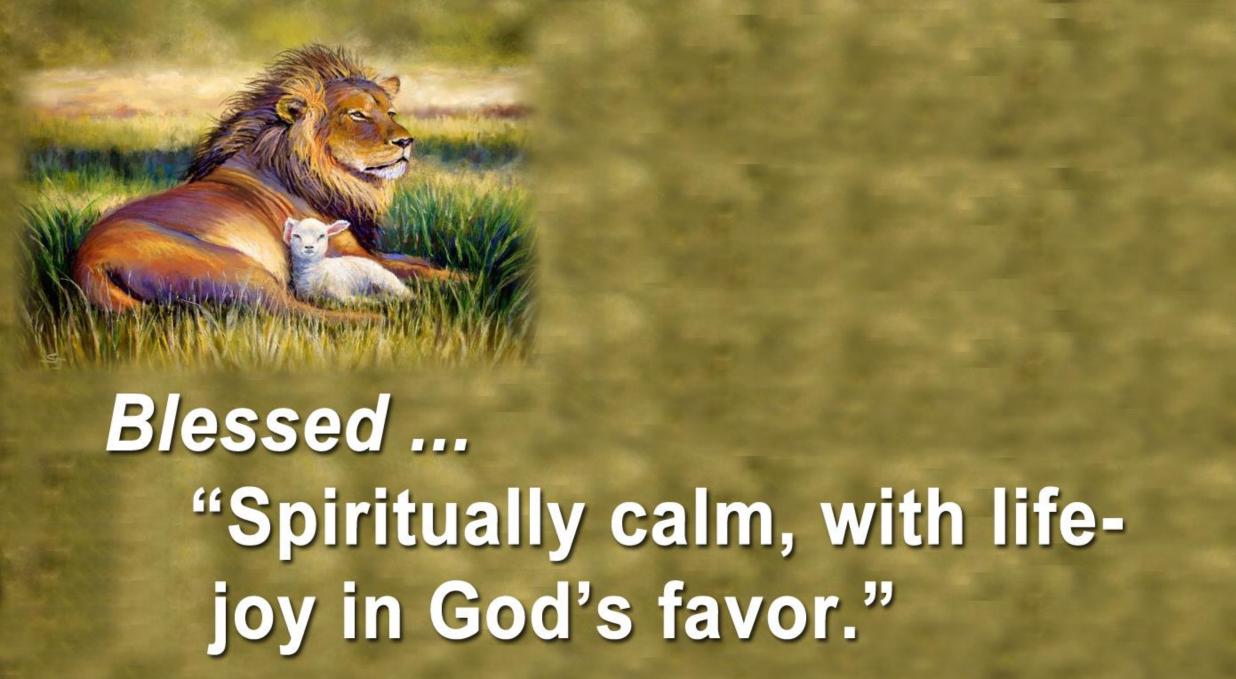
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Makarios ... to be happy, or blissful







The Ultimate Peacemaker ... paid the ultimate price for peace.



"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6



"For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the

barrier, the dividing wall of hostility ..."

Ephesians 2:14



"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace."

Colossians 3:15



But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the

punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5



... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfector of faith. For the joy set before

him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2





Arctic Ocean







Blessing ...
Results in joy despite our circumstances.





Shalom: "It has been paid for."







"... for they will be called Sons of God."

Matthew 5:9b



And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed

into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

2 Corinthians 3:18a



He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he

upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Hebrews 1:3a



Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God.

For all things are possible with God."

Mark 10:27





How can we, practically speaking, work to create space to allow Christ to enter in

to the relational conflicts in our lives? What does this look like? Examples?



What did peacemaking look like, in the life of Jesus, when in his very last week of life on

earth Scripture says he made a whip of cords and drove the moneychangers from the Temple?



In Matthew 10:34, Jesus tells us, "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the

earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword." How does this reflect a Peacemaker's heart?