

GOD'S PEACEMAKERS

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9).

Blessings from God go beyond physical gifts; they are promises of eternal life for those with the attributes of Almighty God. The characteristics of our Great Creator all centre around love. His love for his creation abounds and radiates like the sun. King David knew God. He said, "gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion" (Psalm 116:5).

The apostle Jesus loved said, "Beloved, **let us love one another**, because love comes from God. **Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.** Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love.** This is how God's love was revealed among us: God sent His one and only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him" (1 John 4:7-9).

The Great God, our Father in heaven, who loves with all His heart the Son through which all creation was made, allowed the excruciating suffering of this unique and most loved Son so that the price for the sins of mankind could be settled and eternal life offered again to a humble and repentant people who too would be forged into perfection through suffering. No longer will repentant mankind be brought before the eternal court to give an account for their transgressions. Their record is clean and they can stand before the Great Judge blamelessly having learned to love one another by applying the principles of being a peacemaker.

Peacemakers are rarely silent, rather vocal advocating righteousness and strongholds of unity. They can easily be identified through their patient endurance and rare leadership qualities working to resolve conflicts, build relationship bridges while reinforcing processes and procedures that ensure law and order, safety and happiness for all.

The Apostle of the Gentiles urged, "Let us therefore **make every effort to do what leads to peace** and to **mutual edification**" (Romans 14:19). Mutual edification does not tear down, slander or slur the person holding a different view, rather it remembers its own foibles and weaknesses. Mutual edification exercises enduring patience. It respects all of humanity and the varying spiritual growth of mankind during this evil age of deception. It strives to live with one another without destroying relationships understanding that all of mankind are potential royal sons of God destined to rule in God's eternal kingdom (Romans 12:18). God has a plan. Not everyone will be in the first resurrection into eternity.

Wickedness will continue throughout this evil age. Deception will blanket the planet until Christ returns. Until then, the saints are commanded to patiently endure. "If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints" (Revelation 13:10). "There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name. This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus" (Revelation 14:11b-12).

Faithful Philadelphia will obey this commandment. “Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth” (Revelation 3:10).

They understand that for the most part mankind is deceived and they simply do not know what they are doing. They will lay their life on the line to help mankind to repent. They will overlook the harm done to them knowing all of sinned and fallen short. The saints love showing mankind the ways of God and teaching them how to acquire the wisdom of God that reveals methods and processes that heal relationships, establish harmony and build eternal unity.

“Wherever selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all **pure**, then **peace-loving, gentle, accommodating, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and sincere**” (James 3:17-18). The peacemakers are rich in God’s wisdom. Their leadership qualities exude enduring patience, ready forgiveness, correction without judgement, guidance without force. They recognize and praise each and every step towards unity working to preserve relationships like that of David and Jonathon.

“After David had finished talking with Saul, **Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself**. From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. And **Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself**” (1 Samuel 18:1-3).

Jesus Christ demonstrated the greatest love of all. “This is My commandment, that you love one another **as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends**. You are My friends if you do what I command you” (John 15:12-14).

A time of distress rests on our near horizon. Satan and his entourage will be cast down to earth. Mankind will be commanded to worship them. The saints will stand against this powerful, rogue coalition and put their lives on the line to remain faithful to the God of Israel, the Almighty God. During this time, they will witness to all of mankind on the international stage, across all forms of news platforms covering this planet. Mankind will be without excuse. Their goal will be to bring peace—to bring mankind into unity with God—into a close, loving relationship. During a time when rogues gods take captive the home of mankind, **the saints will suffer** and many will die. “As I watched, **this horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them**, until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom” (Daniel 7:21-22).

Through suffering, mankind like Jesus Christ is brought into perfection. “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because **He suffered death**, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting for God, for whom and through whom all things exist, to make the author of their salvation **perfect through suffering**. For both the One who sanctifies and

those who are sanctified are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters” (Hebrews 2:9-11).

Through fire, God will purge off Wickedness beginning with His people. “In the whole land, two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The LORD is our God’” (Zechariah 13:8-9).

“Indeed, all who desire to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and imposters go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived” (II Timothy 3:12-13).

Applying the principles of a peacemaker will be met by Wickedness with severe opposition, until Christ returns. The enemy of mankind is not our fellow brothers and sisters; our enemy are the rogue heavenly rulers and powers who operate both on earth and in heaven (Ephesians 6:12). The apostle to the Gentiles urged Judo-Christians to put on the full armour of God, which includes “**feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace**” (Ephesians 6:15). Readiness to bring unity, harmony and love for our God and Christ, our Saviour.



Understanding God’s grand plan for mankind, provides a global view where persecution and hatred are not seen as personal attacks rather opportunities to grow strong, relying and trusting more and more on the God of Israel and forging an unbreakable relationship through Jesus Christ. Peacemakers repair breaks in the relationships with man and God. They work to bring fractions together into a pressed oneness. They work to dissolve raging hatred with the solution of truth. They stand unmoveable under the flag of Almighty God loving righteousness and hating wickedness, loving unity and hating discord. They are warriors for God, active and vocal, yet, humble and patiently enduring. These are the saints who are called sons of God because they are the peacemakers who work with Christ to bring mankind into unity with God and fellow man. Blessed are the peacemakers; **their blessing is eternal life.**

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