



# KINGDOM CHARACTER

“BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS...

MATTHEW 5:9

- I. INTRODUCTION: THE PATTERN OF TRUE DISCIPLESHIP...(4:17; 5:3-9)
  - A. Poor in \_\_\_\_\_, spiritually bankrupt people are easily convicted of sin (Acts 2:37)...
  - B. Mourning over sin's deception and offense, leading to godly repentance (2 Co. 7:10)...
  - C. Meekly seeking Christ through humility and \_\_\_\_\_ (v4)...cf. 6:33
  - D. Hungering and thirsting to be like Jesus, having tasted of Him (v5)...cf. 1 Pe. 2:2-3
  - E. Becoming more Christ-like in tender mercies of ministry (v6)...cf. Heb. 4:12, 16
  - F. Blessed consistently with \_\_\_\_\_ hearts seeing God daily at work (v8)...cf. 1 Thes. 5:22-24
  - G. Proving themselves clearly as God's children, peacemakers (v9)...cf. Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:20
  
- II. INSTRUCTION: THINK JEWISH...GODLY JEWS UNDERSTOOD THIS EASILY...(DEUT. 6:8; PSALMS)
  - A. Context of history and understanding (Prov. 14:6)
    - 1. God's Presence in Eden...peace (400 references in Bible to peace)
    - 2. God's holy precious promises of peace to His children (Isa. 48:18)
      - a. As long as there is \_\_\_\_\_ (blessing)...
      - b. Isa. 26:3...perfect peace...holy peace...His peace (Jesus)
      - c. God of Peace...(Heb. 13:20)
        - i. Offering His Son of Peace (Isa. 9:6)
        - ii. Prince of Peace promised as Messiah/Christ (Eph. 2:14)
        - iii. Offering peace through salvation by \_\_\_\_\_ (Ro. 5:1)
  - B. Context of the battle for peace...(Gen. 3:15)...God's Seed vs. Satan's seed
    - 1. Satan's kingdom and principalities of opposition (Eph. 6)
    - 2. Satan's using \_\_\_\_\_ as pawns in their willful rebellion, hating truth (Jn. 3:19-20)
    - 3. Satan's fallen angels battling in the heavens (Dan. 10)
    - 4. Satan's demons possessing dark souls...Mk. 5:9 ("Legion")
    - 5. Satan's offer of \_\_\_\_\_ peace...
      - a. Nobel Peace Prize...
      - b. Counterfeit peace...Jer. 6:14
      - c. Peace in Israel...give up more land, though God forbids it

C. Content...comparing scriptures (I Cor. 2:13)

1. God's definition of peace... "shalom" = God's gift of peace through His gracious \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness (Ps. 85:10)
  - a. It is not the absence of conflict (Jn. 16:33)
    - i. As the sword can lead to \_\_\_\_\_, Biblically
    - ii. Mt. 10:34; Jude 3
  - b. It is the presence of His Spirit creating righteousness in sinful man
    - i. As the Spirit of Peace doing His holy work (Eph. 4:3; Gal. 5:22)
    - ii. Bringing enemies \_\_\_\_\_ in eternal love (Ro. 5:8, 10)
    - iii. Flowing from the wisdom of the Word (Jas. 3:17)
      - a) Peace always flows through purity (Ps. 119:165)
      - b) Cf. Heb.12:14...people pure in heart (Mt. 5:8-9)...flow...
2. God's instruction regarding the menace of peace...
  - a. Our deceitful \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer. 17:9)
  - b. Our carnal wickedness (Isa. 48:22)...breeding ground for "self"/agendas
    - i. Jews hated Jesus for being a peacemaker...
    - ii. As they wanted a conquering King to destroy Rome!
3. God's pattern of peacemaking...
  - a. He's not the author of confusion (charismatic nonsense) – I Cor. 14:33
  - b. He conquers all disturbances of the heart (Ro. 15:33)
  - c. Conquering \_\_\_\_\_ defilement thru the cross' blood (Col. 1:20)
  - d. Having plans of peace for the pure in heart (Jer. 29:11)
  - e. Making his enemies ambassadors of peace...(Gal. 5:22; Eph. 5:18)
    - i. 2 Cor. 5:18-20
    - ii. Ro. 10:15; 12:18-21
4. God's blessings to His personal peacemakers/ambassadors...
  - a. He's proud of us as His holy jewels (Malachi 3:16-17) in a dark world
  - b. Granting us an \_\_\_\_\_ name and life (Isa. 55:6,12; 56:5)
  - c. Keeping our tears in His bottle (Ps. 56:8)
    - i. As He knows just how we feel (Ps. 39:12)
    - ii. Heb. 4:15
  - d. Blessed peace at death (Ps. 116:15)
  - e. Seated with Christ (Eph. 2:6, 14)... "in His lap" (Mt. 18) – "Abba Father"
  - f. As \_\_\_\_\_, ambassador-soldiers for His holy honor (2 Tim. 2:21)
  - g. Lordship of Christ: internal, eternal peace (Col. 3:15)
  - h. Victory in Jesus (Ps. 72:7; Isa. 2:4; Micah 5:5)...eternally perfect peace
  - i. Always having access to Him personally (Jer. 33:3; Heb. 4:16)...illus.