

***Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the sons of God (Matt.5:9)***

I. The God of peace (Rom.15:33/Isa.9:6)

- A. The Imparter of peace in the midst of turbulence (Mark 4:39/John 16:33/Isa.26:3)*
- B. Reconciling His own enemies to Himself (2 Cor.5:19/Col.1:19-20/Eph.2:16)*
- C. Creating peace between hostile third parties (Prov.16:7/Eph.2:11-15)*

II. The children of God are known by their resemblance to Him (Eph.5:1)

- A. Peaceable in disposition (Luke 10:6/Tit.3:2/James 3:17/Gal.5:22/Gen.13:8/Matt.5:39-45)*
- B. Pursuing peace with all men (Rom.12:18/Heb.12:14)*
- C. Repairers of the breach (Isa.58:11-12/Acts 7:26/James 3:18)*

III. Responsible peace (Psalm 85:10)

- A. Peace and a sword (Matt.10:34-35/Rom.12:18/Ps.120:6-7)*
- B. Peace neglected (Isa.48:18/Luke 19:41-44)*
- C. Terms of peace with God (and man)*
 - 1. The causes of strife
 - a. The wicked at war against God (Isa.57:20-21/James 4:4/Jer.16:5)
 - b. Pride at the core of strife (Prov.13:10)
 - c. Jealous lust (James 4:1-2)
 - 2. Terms of surrender:
 - a. Humility (James 4:6/1 Pet.5:5)
 - b. Trust (Isa.30:15/Rom.5:1/Phil.4:6-7)

IV. "The way of peace" (Isa.59:8/Luke 1:79)

- A. Gracious tolerance of diversity of opinion (Rom.14:1-7, 17-19/Eph.4:1-3)*
- B. Peaceful words (Prov.12:18/15:1/25:15/Ps.34:12-14/2 Tim.2:24-25)*
- C. Overcome evil with good (Rom.12:18-21/1 Cor.6:7/Gen.13:9)*
- D. Pray for peace (Ps.122:6/1 Tim.2:1-4)*
- E. Evangelism (2 Cor.5:20/Eph.6:15/Isa.52:7)*