THE PEACEMAKERS

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

There is more about being peacemakers in Matthew 5:38-48 and again Jesus says that we should be peacemakers, even to the point of loving our enemies, "...in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven" (Mtt 5:45).

If anyone is going to be in happy peaceful fellowship, surely it will be the sons of God!

If we want to be among them, then we must "seek peace and pursue it" (Psa 34:14).

So many people live their lives fighting and contending, opposing and avenging. This is not the way of the children of God. Our only fight is the “good fight of faith” (1Tm 6:12).

THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mtt 5:10-12).

God will take vengeance on those who mistreat others, whatever the motives or reasons. But he has special regard for those who are trying to do his will and who suffer persecution because of it.

"If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

"If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not feel ashamed, but glorify God in that name.

"Let those who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right"

(1Pe 4:12-19).

DEEP THOUGHT

These questions are for you to think about and discuss. Other parts of this lesson may help you with the answers.

1. What are the consequences of NOT being pure in heart?

2. What do "peacemakers" do? Yes, they make peace of course, but what do they do in order to accomplish that?


DEEP THOUGHT

QUICK QUEST

What are the blessings/rewards that Jesus names in the beatitudes?

- Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven
- They shall be called the Sons of God
- They shall inherit the Earth
- They shall possess the Kingdom of Heaven
- They shall be sons of your Father who is in heaven
- Great is your reward in Heaven

CRACK THE CODE

Replace numbers in the codes at left with letters to make four-letter words (not the bad kind of course). The numbers represent verses in Matthew chapter five.

Example:

b39y = BODY
(look in verse 39).