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THE BEATTINDES

Blessed Are The Peacemakers, For They Shall Be Called Sons Of God

- The kingdom of God characterized by peace.
 - Prophesied in this way.

Isa. 9:6-7; 66:12-13

- Christians are to pursue peace.
 Rom. 14:19; *Heb.* 12:14; *Ps.* 34:14
- The wicked are not promised such peace. Isa. 48:22
- Peace is not the absence of war, but the presence of God!

- Things that destroy peace:
 - Contentiousness.

Prov. 26:21; 29:22

-Gossip and slander.

Prov. 16:28; 26:20; James 3:8-12

-Revenge.

Rom. 12:18-21; 1 Cor. 6:7

-Ambition.

Mark 10:35-45

- Some bible peacemakers:
 - Abraham.

Gen. 13:5-12

-Moses.

Num. 14:11-20

- Abigail.
 - 1 Sam. 25:18-33

- How to be a peacemaker.
 - -First make peace with God. 2 Cor. 5:20; Rom. 5:1; Phil. 4:6-7
 - -Live by the "golden rule" Matt. 7:12
 - Remember that without peace our worship is vain. Matt. 5:23-24; 18:15-20
 - But avoid the idea of "peace at any price" Luke 12:51-53; Jude 3

- The outcome: "they shall be called sons of God"
 - Just like Jesus, preached peace. Eph. 2:14-17; Acts 10:36
 - -We are the sons of God when we reflect His character. *Matt. 5:43-45; 1 John 3:1-3*