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Mt. 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God

Blessed: Spiritually prosperous

Peacemaker: One who makes peace by reconciling parties that are at variance.

The Very Obvious:

To achieve that perfect happy or blessed state; one must have Peace.

The Peacemaker:

A Peacemaker attempts to acquire peace:

But how?

1- Following the prescribed method. (Context of the New Covenant) Jer. 31: 33-34

Jer. 31 - But this shall be the covenant v.33

I will put my law in their inward parts v. 33 (Through the gospel message from a peacemaker) And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me v.34

2- Purity of heart must precede peacemaking; and for this reason:

- A pure heart will see the necessity of peace and not confuse it. John 5: 17-19

John 5 17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

- 18_Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.
- 19_Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do**: for what things so ever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

As Jesus worked to fulfil the Divine Purpose, Jesus is still working amongst men to achieve the Divine Purpose.

3- To be successful we must carry the Peace of God in us.

John 14 27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The best peacemakers are those who have peace with God

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Not By:

- 1- Creating new laws. (Congress/President is very good at this)
- 2- Not through vengeance or with a malicious heart/mind or purpose. (Ministers are guilty of this)
- 3- Not self-will or deceptive means. Or a spirit of iniquity. (Religious people are good at this)

In Summary:

WHOEVER WALKS WITH GOD MUST BE FIRST ACQUAINTED WITH THE WAY OF PEACE

- -Peace is a **communicable** attribute of God therefore we can relate and even reproduce it.
- -God cannot create a being or world to which his essential **incommunicable** attributes can be given, Example: infinity, embracing eternity and immensity, and self-existence.
- -Do not spend time searching for what you can't receive but rather what God has to offer you.

Note:

This virtuous attribute may be attained if we follow the prescription/ proper pursuit of it.