

Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 32

“9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God:” (Matthew 5:9 KJV)

Let us continue to study the Scriptures to discover more clearly what Jesus meant with the peacemakers and how He wants us to live our lives for Him:

“12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; 13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. 14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. 15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.” (1 Thessalonians 5:12-15 KJV)

Here there is another application of the peacemakers within the body of Christ. Here Apostle Paul in verse 13 mentioned to the Thessalonians: ***“And be at peace among yourselves.”*** He is instructing them that they need to keep the peace among them. By going back to the passage that this statement was taken from, we can see how this peace can be taken place.

“12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:12 KJV) Here Apostle Paul is appealing to the brethren in the church of the Thessalonians to recognize and acknowledge those who are leading them with the Word of God. He gave them the characteristic of laboring and working hard for the brethren as he said, ***“Which labour among you”***, and who were placed over them in the Lord. Now here the submission to the church authority is not to be taken lightly and without discretion. Now their leaders were placed over them, among whom was Paul, because they reached them out, evangelized to them, disciplined them, baptized them, taught them, cared for them and instructed them with the ways of God; therefore with all such it will be right to listen to them because in obeying them they are receiving the right instructions that will help them to solve their problems and lead them in the way that God want them to go. It is not the student who instruct the teacher but the teacher who instruct the student. It is not the teacher who should listen to the student but the student to listen to the teacher. ***Now to let these instructions to reach inside the church they needed to honor the instructions of those leaders who reached them out and disciplined them, and as members they needed to apply these instructions in their lives to avoid troubles in their lives.***

You cannot teach and instruct Moses or Paul and take their places and put them aside. There were people who opposed Moses and who opposed Paul but we know what was the end of those who opposed them. Troubles and not peace will come on those who oppose or who try to nullify the teaching that the church leaders are giving from God's Word.

“13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.” (1 Thessalonians 5:13 KJV) ***Consider and esteem highly the teaching that you received from the church leaders. Your love to them let it be manifested with your obedience to the teaching that you received and in applying it in your life.***

Your obedience to the teaching of God's Word that you received from the church leaders will bring the peace of God in your life and in the midst of God's church. Paul said, ***“Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.” (Philippians 4:9 KJV)*** ***Here the peace of God will come true in the life of the members and ultimately in the life of the church when they esteem highly the work and the labour of the church leaders and they translate that by obeying and applying the teaching they received in their lives.***

Obeying the leaders will help the leaders to reach others and to care for them.

God taught Moses how Aaron ought to bless the people of God in this manner: ***“22 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, 24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: 25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: 26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. 27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them.” (Numbers 6:22-27 KJV)*** ***These blessings and the peace of God will come unto His people when they will obey the whole teaching of the Lord that Moses and Aaron would deliver to them, then the peace of God will follow.***

Apostle Paul exhort the church to do the following: ***“14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. 15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.” (1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 KJV)*** To highly esteem the leaders of the church and their teaching, the following points needed also to be fulfilled.

1. Warn them that are unruly: ***The unruly are those who cannot be contained with the church leaders. Those who try to stir up troubles and put doubts against the teaching that the church leaders are giving. Paul instructed them that such people needed to be warned and rebuked. Because those who do that, may be they are not aware, but they are working with the devil to mislead the people and bring them to hell direction.*** For example, when we spoke about the man of God, Elisha, and how he directed the army of Syria, when he prayed that God would strike them with blindness, ***“Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.” (2 Kings 6:18 KJV)*** Now here if the servant of Elisha or any person beside him objected and would tell him why are you praying like that? More than that just imagines when Elisha told them that this is not the way, ***“19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.” (2 Kings 6:19 KJV)*** and if his servant or other person will object publicly and would tell Elisha why are you telling lies? Why are you taking them from Dothan and bringing them to Samaria? Or he may say it in this way, ***“They want to go to Dothan and why are you forcing them to go to Samaria? Why you do not allow them to decide by themselves?”***

So Paul said ***with such kind of people who are unruly warn them about the dire consequences of what they are doing. When you speak any word carelessly about the church leaders you are misleading the people and giving them the chance to rebel and go away far from God.***

The unruly person is not willing to be contained by the leader of the church. Such people they will always object and find out reason to object and bring troubles. *Such people with such contradicting attitude needs to understand that they need to repent and control themselves and not to react and to resent for any discipline and correction they received from the church leaders for that will not be of benefit to them. They should be aware that the troubles that they create to the church are more harmful than the work of devil against the church.*

2. Comfort the feebleminded: *There are people who are weak in faith and unable to get hard trials in their lives; those we need to comfort them, encouraging them and exhort them to get strengthened to go on in the trials of life.*

3. Support the weak: In every person there are strong points and there are weak points. For the strong points we praise God for. But for the weak points, there are certain times these weak points become crippling points. The weak points in certain trials become crippling points. *Therefore, here we need to interfere as church and body of Christ and give the needed technical support to the weak.* Imagine the leader and the church are doing all what they can to support a weak person, then an unruly man come and stir up troubles against those who are doing hard work to support the weak person.

4. Be patient toward all men: It is good to remember that God was patient with you, therefore you need to be patient with others in the same way that God was patient with you. *Now here, good to remember that the leader of the church had been patient with you to reach you out to disciple you, to care for you, and he was patience with you in your spiritual growth and in your spiritual trials and weakness, and now you need to be patient and consider all the good things that you received and translate it to be patient with the church, to be patient with the leaders of the church, to be patient with the brethren and to be patient with the new people that God wants you to reach out.*

5. See that none render evil for evil unto any man: Again the peacemakers will not do evil in order to combat evil doing. As we discussed earlier, *for our enemies if we ever were asked by God to do something toward our enemies, then we should feed them, give them drink and meet their other necessities.*

6. Follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men: Follow to do that which is good that God had prepared in advance for you, even before your conversion, to do: *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10 KJV)* Before you come to Christ you might have plans and projects that you want to do. But after you gave your life to God and open your heart for Christ, the Lord would have another plan and other things for you to do. Even if the previous things that you wanted to do are good things, but since they are not the things ordained from God then you are wasting your time and missing the other important things that you are assigned to do.

“10 Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do. 11 Let no man therefore despise him: but conduct him forth in peace, that he may come unto me: for I look for him with the brethren.” (1 Corinthians 16:10-11 KJV) Here we are faced with another admonition from Apostle

Paul to the church of Corinthians about how to promote peace and how to be a peacemaker and a child of God.

Here Paul told them that Timotheus may move and go to them. He is telling them about him, that he had worked the work of the Lord as Paul was working and doing. He is telling them because of that work that he is doing for the Lord, let no man despise him or trouble him and let him not have fear or be intimidated while he is with you. But let him be respected for the good work that He is doing for the Lord and for His people. Let him be honoured and conducted in peace so he can reach Paul safely and on time with other brethren, whom his coming and their coming with him to Paul will be of great aid to Apostle Paul, and when Paul is aided, the ministry will be aided and the whole church will be benefitted, including the church at Corinth. *Now if a worker doing the work of God faithfully and quietly and he is serving God and the people with him in the will of God then no one should disturb him or give him trouble. That is so important so the peace of God will be flowing in our midst and will go to other people whom God wants us to reach them and give to them the peace of God.*

Apostle Peter admonishment in his letter to those who love life and in order to see good days to come, they needed to observe the following: *“8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: 9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. 10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: 11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.” (1 Peter 3:8-12 KJV)*

“8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.” (1 Peter 3:8 KJV) *Be ye all of one mind:* The mind should be clear, and agreed upon the teaching that we had spoken and we needed to do. *Having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Let us have compassion on one another and let us love one another, let us pity one another in considering the pressure of life and what further the ministry will entail on each and every one of us to do.*

Let us have compassion on one another and think how to help each other. Be courteous and do things correct and acceptable in the sight of God. Let us have compassion on the leader of the church, the workers of the church, the members who has big responsibilities, and consider the burden and the pressure that they are passing through to achieve the will of God, for all these are the criteria for peacemakers.

“9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.” (1 Peter 3:9 KJV) Again here Peter teaching us that we need to be peacemakers with those who do evil against us. *When people do evil against us still we don't need to pay them evil or fight or quarrel with them. But to bless them, if ever we are led by the Holy Spirit of God to bless our enemies, for we are promised to have blessings and therefore we are still called by God to pass blessings to others.*

“10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:” (1 Peter 3:10 KJV) To see good days in our lives, we need to control our tongue from speaking any evil, reckless and careless words. We need to clean our hearts from any bitterness and grudges, and avoiding ill feelings against others who hurt us.

“11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.” (1 Peter 3:11 KJV) We need to avoid evil, and let us do good, and be peacemakers and seek of what we need to do to bring the peace of God in our lives, in our ministerial service and in the life of the people around us and under our spiritual care.

“12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.” (1 Peter 3:8-12 KJV) As we live as peacemakers as God desire to see in us, the eyes of the Lord will be upon us and He will be attentive to our prayers and He will answer us and give us peaceful loving life and allow us to see good days, for His face is against those who do evil and who refuse to live as peacemakers.

My dear and beloved: In conclusion let us brief what we learn to be peacemakers.

As peacemakers, to let the Godly instructions to reach inside the church you needed to honor the instructions of the church leaders who reached you out and disciplined you, and as members you need to apply their instructions in your lives to avoid troubles.

As peacemakers, you cannot teach and instruct Moses, Paul, or those who reached you out, and take their places and put them aside. There were people who opposed Moses and who opposed Paul but we know what was the end of those who opposed them. Troubles and not peace will come on you and on those who oppose or who try to nullify the teaching that the church leaders are giving from God's Word.

As peacemakers, consider and esteem highly the teaching that you received from the church leaders. Your love to them let it be manifested with your obedience to the teaching that you received, and in applying it in your life.

As peacemakers, your obedience to the teaching of God's Word that you received from the church leaders will bring the peace of God in your life and in the midst of God's church.

As peacemakers, put in your mind that the peace of God will come true in the life of the members and ultimately in the life of the church when you esteem highly the work and the labour of the church leaders and when you translate that by obeying and applying the teaching you received in your life.

As peacemakers, put in your mind that obeying the leaders of the church will help the leaders to reach others and to care for them.

As peacemakers, put in your mind that the blessings and the peace of God will come unto His people when they will obey the whole teaching of the Lord that the church leaders is delivering to them, then the peace of God will follow.

As peacemakers, put in your mind that the unruly and those who cannot be contained by the church leaders, who always try to stir up troubles and put doubts against the teaching that the church leaders are giving, they needed to be warned and rebuked. Because those who do that, may be they are not aware, but they are working with the devil to mislead the people and bring them to hell direction.

As peacemakers, such kind of people who are unruly warn them about the dire consequences of what they are doing. Rebuke them by telling: When you speak any negative word carelessly about the church leaders you are misleading the people and giving them the chance to rebel and go away far from God.

As peacemakers, put in your mind that such people with such contradicting attitude needs to understand that they need to repent and control themselves and not to react and to resent for any discipline and correction they received from the church leaders for that will not be of benefit to them. They should be aware that the troubles that they create to the church are more harmful than the work of devil against the church and from such attitude if they will not repent off they will end up in hell.

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As peacemakers, put in your mind that if a worker doing the work of God faithfully and quietly and he is serving God and the people with him in the will of God, then no one should disturb him or give him trouble. That is so important so the peace of God will be flowing in our midst and will go to other people whom God wants us to reach them and give to them the peace of God.

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As peacemakers, we need to avoid evil, and let us do good, and be peacemakers and seek of what we need to do to bring the peace of God in our lives, in our ministerial service and in the life of the people around us and under our spiritual care.

As we live as peacemakers as that God desire to see in us, the eyes of the Lord will be upon us and He will be attentive to our prayers and He will answer us and give us peaceful loving life and allow us to see good days, for His face is against those who do evil and who refuse to live as peacemakers.

My prayer:

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that made me understand your will and ways for me to be peacemakers and the way that you want me to live my life for you and the way to serve you to bring the peace of yours in the life of your church, and in the life of the people that your church is reaching out.

Let us confess to God our sins and wrongdoings. Lord forgives me the following sins _____. Ask God forgiveness for your grumbling, negative and careless words against the church leaders. Ask God forgiveness for your lack of respect and consideration toward those who work hard to serve you and who serve others in God's church.

Let us now take few moments to forgive those who hurt us and to forget all the grievances that came from them. Lord cleanse my mind from the painful memories and all the abuse that I received from the people _____, heal my heart and cleanse me Lord from all pain, grudges, retaliation, revenge, and unforgiveness

Lord I commit myself to abide with this word of yours that I receive in this message to be a real peacemakers. Lord give me wisdom and humility how to apply what we studied today in your Word to respect and honor the church leaders who placed over me and who work and labor hard for me and for your church. Lord I commit myself to help and support the weak and be courteous toward those who are bearing much and to be patient with everyone.

Lord, I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who had humbled themselves before you to live as peacemakers and to apply the principles that we learn from your Word in this

message, Lord protect them, and provide for them all their needs. Lord comfort them and assure them that you are with them and leading them in their lives. Lord give them joy, comfort and peace. Lord visits them and uphold them with your grace as they are doing your work and your will. Lord let your peace overwhelm us and fill our church.

Lord protects us from persecution. Lord deal with those who are attacking us. Lord fills us once again with the Holy Spirit and makes our lives' testimony attractive to others so that people will believe in you and start to follow you and live according to your Word and your righteousness. Lord use us to be peacemakers that you wants us to be, to evangelize and to make new disciples as you ordained.

Lord, I pray for us as a church to help us, protect us, and provide for us to go on in serving you and do your work and your will. Lord add to us more of the Holy Spirit gifts to be ready to evangelize and to reach new people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with the message of the Word of God. Lord, we pray that you will enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.

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