

He that hears THESE sayings

- Mt 7:24-28

- **Hear** these sayings of Mine and **does them**:

- Like a wise man who built house on rock

- did not fall because it was built on the rock

- **Hear** these sayings of Mine and **does not do**:

- Like a foolish man who built house on sand

- it did fall because it was built on sand

- Each “*saying*” is stone in our foundation.

The more stones we have the more solid our foundation. Each missing stone is still sand.

Weakening and threatening the whole.

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God
Matthew 5:9*

The World Needs Peacemakers

- In the world people often put the worst motives on what others do or say.
- We imagine malice in a simple mistake
- We hear scorn where none was intended.
- There are many emotions that lead relationships into turmoil. Note the bold terms in the works of the flesh that can destroy peace and concord.
- *Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, Gal 5:19-21*

Man's Emotions Are Like Tinder

- *See how great a forest a little fire kindles! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. Jas 3:5-7*
- *Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Jas 4:1-2*

- *Angry words are lightly spoken, Bitt'rest thoughts are rashly stirred*
- *Brightest links of life are broken By a single angry word.*
- *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you. Eph 4:31*

World Desperately Needs Peacemakers

- In the home, husbands and wives, parents and children, and brothers and sisters need them.
- In the nation, citizens, co-workers, neighbors friends and fellow drivers need them.
- In the church, preachers, elders, deacons, song leaders, teachers and brethren need them.
- With all the strife, grudges, anger, jealousy, misunderstandings, gossip, fragile relationships need peacemakers. Jesus extolled them.
- The Greek not just the actions involved in bringing peace but also a love of peace and an active role in keeping peace between others.

The True Heart of the Peacemaker

For “He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. 11 Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. 1Pet. 3:10-11

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: Heb 12:14

My soul has dwelt too long with one who hates peace. 7 I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war. Ps 120:6-7

If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Rom 12:18

Not a Peacemaker

- *A wrathful man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger allays contention. Pr.15:18*
- *Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave; yes, strife and reproach will cease. Pr. 22:10*
- *Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where there is no talebearer, strife ceases. 21 As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindle strife. 22 The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, and they go down into the inmost body. Pr. 26:20-22*
- *For as the churning of milk produces butter, and wringing the nose produces blood, so the forcing of wrath produces strife. Pr. 30:33*

Not a Peacemaker

- *A perverse man scatters abroad strife; And a whisperer separates chief friends. Pr. 16:28*
- *He that covers a transgression seeks love; But he that harps on a matter separates chief friends. Pr. 17:9*
- *These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: 17 A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, 19 A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren. Pr. 6:16-19*

Our Wisdom

- *But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. James 3:17-18*
- *A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger. Pr. 15:1*

The Heart of the Peacemaker

- *Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. 9 Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 10 For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; 11 let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” 1Pet. 3:8-12*

No Matter Who Starts It

- Both parties are responsible to end it as quickly as possible. Whether sin is involved, or just bad feelings, as much as it is within us, we need to be at peace.
- *Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Mt 5:23-24*
- *Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. Mt 18:15*

Emotions of the Peacemaker

- *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph. 4:1-3*
- *And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor 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. Be at peace among yourselves. 1Thes 5:12-13*

A True Son of God

- *Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen. Rom 15:33*
- *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1Th 5:23*
- *For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isa 9:6*
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