

Notes for Matthew 5:8-12

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

Revelation 3:16 - So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth

Wanting God is what set David apart. He stumbled, like everyone stumbles, but he wanted God. He **hungered** for righteousness - even when he messed up. We want to hunger for righteousness!

Psalm 24:3-4 - Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

Jesus doesn't say blessed are the peace-lovers. He says **peacemakers**. Not people who just like quiet. Not people who avoid hard talks. Not people who sweep trouble under the rug and call it peace. Nor those who try and "keep the peace" in church by ignoring sin and bad behavior. He says we are to "make" peace, not wish for it. This is done with Truth and love

Romans 12:21 - Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Agathos (awguth-oss) Greek word translated as good in **Romans 12:21**

The word agathos (awguth-oss) was used the same way we use the modern word good and meant many things. Good is polite and well behaved. But good also means that a person or object is excellent at their specific function or role. Like, Tom Brady was a good quarterback. If I say my rifle is agathos or good it means it is accurate, reliable and durable. An agathos shield is one that protects well in battle. An agathos/good horse is fast, smart and strong while agathos soil refers to fertile rich soil. Agathos also means brave, courageous or skillful in fighting or is helpful to their community. AND, agathos means "Virtuous" or "Righteous".

There is nothing righteous, virtuous or godly in letting evil thrive or allowing a person to be victimized or otherwise injured. Being "good" sometimes means standing up to evil and saying, "Not today. Not on my watch.". If that means sacrificing yourself to save someone else then so be it. That is good or agathos.

True peace (**shalom**) involves righteousness – not just absence of conflict – and that requires spiritual transformation to defeat evil's influence both within us and outside of us. This can only happen through Jesus Christ.

John 1:12-13 - But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

1 John 3:1 - See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Galatians 3:26 - for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

"Never argue with a fool. Onlookers may not be able to tell the difference" - Mark Twain

Proverbs 26:4 - Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you be like him yourself.

1 Peter 4:14 - If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

Acts 5:41 - After the apostles were beaten and warned not to speak in Jesus' name, it says they left rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.

Mark 9:24 - I believe; help my unbelief!

One of the best ways to serve God is to share Him with others. Invite someone to GCC and you may just find you have a new member of the family!

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FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

9 “BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,
FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS[A]
OF GOD.

10 “BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS’ SAKE, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

11 “BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN OTHERS REVILE YOU AND PERSECUTE YOU AND UTTER ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU FALSELY ON MY ACCOUNT.

12 REJOICE AND BE GLAD, FOR YOUR REWARD IS GREAT IN HEAVEN, FOR SO THEY PERSECUTED THE PROPHETS WHO WERE BEFORE YOU.