

Treasure Hunt

- In Psalm 34, David advises against two aspects of his life with Achish. What were they?
- What are the two kinds of peace that God's people should promote?
- How does the promise to "be called the children of God" anticipate the coming kingdom?
- How should Christians expect the world to treat them?
- Why does the world hate Christians?
- How should we feel when we are persecuted because we are righteous?
- What kind of persecution should we *not* value?

The Structure of the Sermon

Setting	4:25-5:2	7:28-8:1
Blessings & Warnings	5:3-12	7:13-27
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Toward God	6:1-18	6:19-34

Blessed are

3 The poor in spirit

4 They that mourn

5 The meek

6 They which do hunger and thirst after righteousness

7 The merciful

8 The pure in heart

9 The peacemakers

10 They which are persecuted for righteousness' sake

David with Achish

Psa 34:1 A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.

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13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

- 1 Sam 21, David seeks refuge, Achish accuses him of being a spy, David feigns madness to escape
- 1 Sam 27, David joins Achish, who gives him Ziklag; David raids “the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites: (v. 28), but tells Achish he is attacking Judah and her allies (v. 10)
- 1 Sam 28, Achish appoints David as his bodyguard
- 1 Sam 29, Philistine chiefs refuse Achish’s request to take David in their battle with Saul

What God thought of David’s wars, 1Ch 28:3

“Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood.”

God's Peacemakers

In Isaiah:

Isa 48:22 *There is no peace*, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

Isa 57:19 I create the fruit of the lips; **Peace, peace** to *him that is far off*, and to *him that is near*, saith the LORD; and I will heal him. 20 But the wicked *are* like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. 21 *There is no peace*, saith my God, to the wicked.

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace**.

Isa 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, **that publisheth peace**; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

In the NT:

Act 10:36 The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, **preaching peace** by Jesus Christ

Eph 2:17 **[Jesus] came and preached peace** to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. 18 For through him we both [Jew and Gentile] have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of **the gospel of peace**;

The Children [Sons] of God

God's Purpose:

Exo 4:22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, **Israel is my son, even** my firstborn:

The result of sin:

Isa 1:2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. ...

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, **children that are corrupters**: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

Deu 32:5 They have **corrupted** themselves, their spot *is* not ~~the spot~~ of his **children**: *they are* a perverse and crooked generation.

Hos 1:8 Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son. 9 Then said *God*, Call his name **Loammi**: for **ye are not my people**, and I will not be your *God*.

The Promise:

Hos 1:10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, *Ye are not my people*, **there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.**

The Fact of Persecution

David and Solomon:

Psa 37:12 **The wicked plotteth against the just**, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. ... 14 **The wicked have drawn out the sword**, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, *and to slay such as be of upright conversation*. ... 32 **The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.**

Pro 29:27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and **he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.**

Our Lord and his apostles:

Joh 16:33 In the world **ye shall have tribulation**: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Act 14:21 And when [Paul and Barnabas] had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and *to Iconium, and Antioch*, 22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that **we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.**

1Th 3:4 For verily, when we were with you, **we told you before that we should suffer tribulation**; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live **godly** in Christ Jesus **shall suffer persecution.**

The Motive for Persecution

1Pe 4:14 If ye be reproached **for the name of Christ**, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. 15 But **let none of you suffer as a murderer**, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. 16 Yet if *any man suffer as a Christian*, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

Joh 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because **ye are not of the world**, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Joh 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, **because their deeds were evil**.

1Jo 3:11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 Not as Cain, *who* was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And **wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous**.

1Pe 4:4 Wherein they think it strange that **ye run not with them** to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

Mar 6:17 For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her. 18 For John had said unto Herod, **It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife**. 19 Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not: 20 For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, **he did many things, and heard him gladly**.