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The Biblical Way to Peace

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The more we live by the Bible, the
happier we will be.

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Peacemakers

Matthew 5:9, 13-16

9 Blessed are the **peacemakers**, For they shall be called sons of God... 13 You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 **Let your light so shine before men**, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Isaiah 2:1-4

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. 3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their **swords into plowshares**, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

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Acts 24:14-15

14 But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets. 15 I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust... 25 Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."

Promoting peace

Nehru: Peace is not merely the absence of war. It is also a state of mind. Lasting peace can come only to peaceful people.

John 14: 25-27

25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you, My **peace** I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

The cause of wars

James 4:1-2

1 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. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

Desire for revenge

Desire for things

Peace through Christ's reconciliation

Romans 5:1-2, 8

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God... 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us.**

Matthew 18:32-33

32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33 **Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?**'

Peace from the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, **peace**, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Peace from obeying God's laws

Acts 20:35

35 I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' “

Isaiah 32:15-19

15 Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, And the fruitful field is counted as a forest. 16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, And righteousness remain in the fruitful field. 17 The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. 18 My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, In secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places, 19 Though hail comes down on the forest, And the city is brought low in humiliation.

Peace from obeying God's laws

Psalm 119:172

My tongue shall speak of Your word, For **all Your commandments are righteousness.**

Psalm 119:165

Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.

Psalm 4:6-8

6 There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us. 7 You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased. 8 **I will both lie down in peace,** and sleep; For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Proverbs 16:7

When a man's ways please the Lord, **He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.**

Peace from our thoughts

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--**meditate on these things.**



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In the Millennium, every day will be an international day of peace!

International Peace Day events:

As part of today's Sabbath service of the Sabbath Church of God, the sermon will present the Biblical way to peace. Wars and individual conflicts arise because of our desires for things and our desires for revenge. We can put aside those desires. We can show forgiveness instead of revenge because God forgives us through Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit can help us live by the Ten Commandments. That results in peace of mind, peace between individuals, and peace between nations.