

## The Last Group of Beatitudes

matth 5:11

In the second group the climax was the pure in heart seeing God. Now the last group gives us the vision of man and his need. The Beatitudes do not leave us gazing into heaven but at a troubled and warring earth.

1. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God.

Purity then becomes peacemaking and does not build a wall about itself. It is not a protected purity but a purifying force.

It is not like water that would throw around itself banks of exclusion. Far from it would end as a stagnant pool. It is like the running brook. No purity is pure that is not purifying. The reconciled in spirit and the pure in heart are not called the sons of God until they become lovingly aggressive and peacemakers.

The character described in the first six Beatitudes is now bore upon the world in reconciliation. Not merely peacemakers between man and man but between man and God.

2. But this loving aggression is not always appreciated but pay the penalty of love and finds itself "persecuted"

for righteousness sake men chained <sup>coming</sup> down with sinful habits get to where they <sup>are</sup> sitting, love their chains and do not want to be disturbed. They kick back. "Peacemakers must get use to the sight of their own blood."

It is one thing to be a peacemaker but quite another to continue to be in the midst of persecution.

Jesus said "Blessed are the re-nounced in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven and then the persecuted peacemakers have the Kingdom of heaven". He repeated this because the King only belongs, really, to the renounced who become passive, aggressive persecuted peacemakers.

Now the last beatitude adds something to the rest - In persecution he must be exceeding glad - the Happy warrior.

In the beatitude we ~~are~~ <sup>do</sup> possess the Kingdom of heaven, the Kingdom within, and the Kingdom of the earth. But there is one more the Kingdom of pain. They do not merely bear pain, escape it, or submit to it - they use it.

"Life is suffering escape it" says Buddhism. "Life brings suffering

use it" says Jesus.

St. The eagle in mts. when storm  
struck set his wings so that the  
storm lifted him above the clouds.

St. The lily transforms mud and  
mire into beauty.

"you are always talking about  
hiring don't you ever think about  
dying?" said a Buddhist - The Christian  
said, "why should I for years ago I con-  
sented to die if need be now I do  
not dread so can talk about  
hiring."

The beatitudes which begin with  
lament for renunciation of  
spirit end in a leaping for joy.

The secret - is a phrase in the  
last beatitude. "For my sake" we  
work around a holy person.

They begin with a supreme losing  
of ones self. and end with a  
supreme finding of ones self.

Is that everything of pain or  
what not is used for his glory.

St. Stretching wires between towers  
of a castle for Arabian harp. when there  
was calm there was no music

It was when the storm ~~was~~ <sup>came</sup>  
that they had ~~exquisite~~ <sup>exquisite</sup> melody.

