

## **FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN - HEB12:14**

*“Let us therefore follow after the things which promote peace, and things wherewith one may edify another” (Rom. 14:19).*

- Be careful to love one another with a true heart. Love covers a multitude of failures.
- Avoid a spirit of argument and debate. One may win an argument and lose a friend.
- Beware of jealousy. Jealousy destroys happiness and builds suspicion.
- Beware of envy. Let us learn to rejoice in another's gifts, blessings, and happiness. God gives as he will!
- Do not meddle in the private lives and domestic affairs of others.
- Guard against a touchy temper. *“For every trifling thing to take offence shows either great pride or little sense.”*
- Learn to keep a confidence. — *“He that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.”*
- Strive to heal differences. — *“Blessed are the peacemakers.”*
- Be always ready to forgive anything. — *“Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.”*

*Henry T Mahan*

## **THE BLOOD OF SPRINKLING – HEB12:24**

This *“blood of sprinkling speaketh better things than that of Abel.”* The blood of Christ speaks, ever speaks, and speaks better things than the blood of Abel:

- Abel's blood cried for justice and vengeance. Christ's blood cries for justice and mercy!
- Abel's blood spoke demanding punishment. Christ's blood speaks demanding pardon.
- Abel's blood spoke against his brother. Christ's blood speaks for his brethren.

- Abel's blood demanded death. Christ's blood demands life!
- Abel's blood cried from the ground to God. Christ's blood speaks in heaven before God.
- Abel's blood cried out against Cain in his conscience. Christ's blood speaks for us in our consciences.
- Abel's blood continues to speak; and Christ's blood continues to speak (1 John 1:7-2:2).

*Don Fortner*

## **THE BELIEVER'S HEAVENLY BLESSINGS IN CHRIST**

If we are numbered among those who come to God by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, here are nine heavenly blessings that belong to us now. We will never enter into the fulness of them until we have dropped this robe of flesh, but they are ours right now as much as they shall be when we are in heaven:

- Complete freedom from the curse and terror of the law (Heb12:18-21)
- The enjoyment of free access to God (v22)
- The privilege of heavenly citizenship (v22)
- The companionship of the angels of God (v22)
- The spiritual wealth of adoption into the family of God (v23)
- The defence and protection of God's holy throne (v23)
- The company and fellowship of glorified saints (v23)
- The personal care and mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ (v24)
- Full, irrevocable salvation through Christ's precious blood (v24)

*Don Fortner*

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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**11:00 am (GMT+1h) Service**

*Hebrews 12:12-24*

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**Acts 13:38,39**

## Reading Exodus 19:16-21

599 to 560

*W Gadsby*

1 Ye sons of God, be wise,  
And learn your Father's will;  
By faith lift up your eyes  
To yonder shining hill;  
No smoke, no thunderbolts are there,  
Nor wrath to sink you in despair.

2 A pleasant mount indeed,  
Where God unfolds his grace  
To all the chosen seed,  
And, with a smiling face,  
Speaks peace to every troubled breast,  
And bids the weary in him rest.

3 To worship on this ground,  
Is not a legal task;  
A solid peace is found,  
And faith has all it asks;  
There Jesus sits with smiling face,  
And rules and reigns the God of grace.

## Prayer

### Reading Hebrews 12:12-24

## Prayer

123 to 283

*I Watts*

1 Blood has a voice to pierce the skies:  
"Revenge!" the blood of Abel cries;  
But the dear stream, when Christ was slain,  
Speaks peace as loud from every vein:

2 Pardon and peace from God on high;  
Behold, he lays his vengeance by;  
And rebels that deserve his sword,  
Become the favourites of the Lord.

3 To Jesus let our praises rise,  
Who gave his life a sacrifice;  
Now he appears before our God,  
And for our pardon pleads his blood.

## Sermon

973 to 478

*J Newton*

1 Not to Sinai's dreadful blaze,  
But to Zion's throne of grace,  
By a way marked out with blood,  
Sinners now approach to God.

2 Not to hear the fiery law,  
But with humble joy to draw  
Water, by that well supplied,  
Jesus opened when he died.

3 Lord, there are no streams but thine  
Can assuage a thirst like mine!  
'Tis a thirst thyself didst give;  
Let me, therefore, drink and live!