

James 3:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace (ποιοῦσιν εἰρήνην, ποιοῦσιν εἰρήνην). Righteous outcomes grow in peaceful environments cultivated by peacemakers.

Reformed missiology emphasizes gospel peacemaking; justice flows from peace rooted in Christ's reconciliation. James ends the section pointing to communal harvest produced by peaceable wisdom.

Historical Context

Jewish agrarian imagery returns: sowing and harvesting. Diaspora farmers knew seeds thrive in calm soil. Church factions needed peacemakers to cultivate righteousness. Jesus' beatitude "Blessed are the peacemakers" echoes here.,"

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. Where is God calling you to sow peace right now?
2. How can you create environments where righteousness can grow?
3. What peacemaking practices can your church adopt?

Interlinear Text

καρπὸς	δὲ	τῆς	δικαιοσύνης	ἐν	εἰρήνην	σπείρεται	τοῖς
the fruit	And	G3588	of righteousness	in	peace	is sown	G3588
G2590	G1161		G1343	G1722	G1515	G4687	
ποιοῦσιν	εἰρήνην						
of them that make	peace						
G4160	G1515						

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 5:9 (Peace): Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Philippians 1:11 (Righteousness): Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Hosea 10:12 (Righteousness): Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Galatians 6:8 (Parallel theme): For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Proverbs 11:30 (Righteousness): The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Hebrews 12:11 (Righteousness): Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Proverbs 11:18 (Righteousness): The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.

John 4:36 (Parallel theme): And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

James 1:20 (Righteousness): For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Proverbs 11:28 (Righteousness): He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

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