

HOW YOU CAN FIND THE PEACE of GOD

Philippians 4 : 6 - 7

The gospel according to

MATTHEW

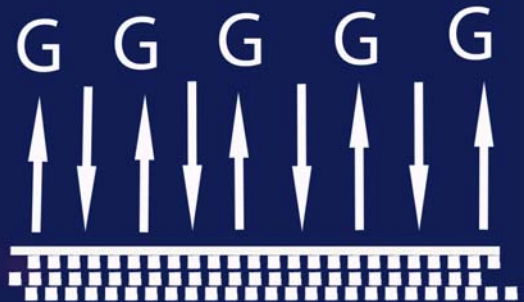
[5 : 9] Part IV

Series Part 22

MATTHEW 5 : 9

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

open universe



closed universe



modern view of
the universe



the Biblical universe
or controlled universe



**GOD IS
INTERESTED IN
EVERY DETAIL
OF YOUR LIFE**



PHILIPPIANS 4 : 6 - 7

Entertain no anxious cares, but throw them all upon God. By your prayer and your supplication with thanksgiving make your every want known to Him. If you do this, then the peace of God, far more effective than any forethought or contrivance of man, will keep watch over your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

Lightfoot Translation

PUT OFF

Be worried or anxious about nothing.
[4 : 6 a]

TWO KINDS OF WORRY

Good Worry
Concern for the
Church
[2 Cor 11:28; Phil 2:20]

Bad Worry

2 CORINTHIANS 11 : 28

And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.

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[2 Cor 11:28; Phil 2:20]

Concern for others in the Body
[1 Cor 12:25]

Concern for Spouse
[1 Cor 7:32-34]

This is legitimate care & concern for the spread of the Gospel & family

Bad Worry

Troubled about basic needs
[Mt 6:25-33]

Troubled about trouble
[Lk 21:34; 8:14]

This is self-centered & counter-productive. It comes from not trusting God.

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"It is simple... trust in Christ – that in Him God will do everything necessary so that we can enjoy making much of Him forever. Every good poised to bless us, and every evil arrayed against us, will in the end help us boast only in the cross, magnify Christ, and glorify our Creator. Faith in these promises frees us to risk and to find in our own experience that it is better to lose our life than to waste it..."

...therefore, it is **right** to risk for the cause of Christ. It is **right** to engage the enemy and say, 'May the LORD do what seems good to Him.' It is **right** to serve the people of God, and say, 'If I perish, I perish!' It is **right** to stand before the fiery furnace of affliction and refuse to bow down to the gods of this world. This is the road that leads to fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore. At the end of every other road – secure and risk-free

– we will put our face in our hands and say... '**I've wasted it!**' "

- John Piper

"...I went into boot camp thinking I was close to God again. When I was in Youth Group and went to church, I wouldn't sing at all. When I was in church at boot camp, I had the urge to become at peace with God.

I was away from the drill instructors and I was at peace praising Him...



"I have completed the hardest thing I have ever done in my life. I couldn't have made it through boot camp if I didn't have God to count on. Of everything I learned in boot camp, this is the biggest thing:

'Praise God All the Time – just not when you're in trouble! God will be there and has a plan for you, no matter what you think.'

