

## SCRIPT - Blessed are the Peacemakers

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### **Narrator**

Lesson seven , Blessed are the Peacemakers

**Narrator** - Did you ever know that angels go to church –just like us? Well, it's almost like a church. There's a couple places in the Bible that tell us there really ARE certain days when angels come and present themselves before the throne of God.

Let's listen in and see what an angel-meeting is like...

[Crowd noise –harp music –choir singing]

[Tapping on podium]

**Gabriel** - um , excuse me... um... excuse me...

OK -Looks like it's time to get started here... Good morning and welcome to the meeting of angel-servants!

I am Gabriel -and I stand before the most high God.

### **[TRUMPETS]**

**Gabriel** - Because the Word of God says that all teaching is based on the words of our Lord Jesus Christ and because we are servants to help human beings to follow these words -does anyone have anything to report this morning ?

I see your wings stretched out there –who is that? Oh, yes, Ariel, -the heart of God. What have you been doing on the earth?

**Ariel** – On our last patrol, we saw a man who was trying to explain the Gospel to someone on the street.

[street noise – cars – horns]

**Gabriel** – so what did your patrol do to help?

**Ariel** - Well... we thought we would help out by using shadows on the wall of building to show some ideas of what to say. I got this inspiration from an old man I used to serve named MacDonald.

**Gabriel** - Did he understand? What kind of pictures did you show him?

**Ariel** – Well the first thing I showed him was an index finger pointing up to the sky and then two fingers like scissors cutting out an idol.

He remembered that he'd seen this before and he started asking the guy if he knew the Ten Commandments.

**Street Guy** – uh, yeah, isn't that something like "do unto others, before they can do unto you?"

[laughing]

**Ariel** – well, our man started using his fingers to show this guy that there is only one God and that we are not supposed to make a god out of our own imagination.

**Street Guy** – I still say God just loves everybody and it doesn't matter what you do as long as you are sincere.

**Witness** – there you go creating a god out of your imagination. Do you see that God can't allow evil to go on without punishing it? If someone killed a little girl and got away with it that would not be justice –right?

**Gabriel** - Well, I got some other angels together and we made a shadow with three fingers held in front of our mouths.

**Witness** – ummm... W... W stands for ... WORDS – what about bad words? Have you ever used God's name as a curse word?

**Street Guy** – yeah, lots of times but God knows I didn't really mean it –just force of habit.

**Ariel** – we did a pretty job of showing a big shadow using four fingers to look like a family going to church.

**Witness** – Do you honor the Lord's day?

**Street Guy** – you mean like going to church? Well, there are so many hypocrites. I just hang out with my friends someplace on Sundays.

**Witness** – and there are no hypocrites at this place?

**Street Guy** – ummm... no comment.

**Ariel** – and of course, all it takes five fingers to salute and show respect for your parents. The street guy didn't like that one too much.

We moved onto a shadow of one finger pointing at the other five. It looked like a gun shooting at people.

**Street Guy** – now that’s something right there! I have never killed anybody.

**Witness** – Ok – so there’s one in your favor - by the way -no hating either.

**Ariel** – we used five fingers on one hand and two like a V on the other hand.

**Witness** – we are supposed to keep ourselves clean like a virgin. Jesus said that even looking at someone with lust is committing sexual sin in your heart.

**Street Guy** – guilty as charged!

**Ariel** – next we made shadows of someone getting their fingers chopped off –like they do to thieves in some countries.

**Witness** – let me see –eight fingers –oh yeah! No stealing –have you ever stolen anything?

**Street Guy** – well, one time I did -but that was a long time ago.

**Ariel** – next, we did a pretty good job of showing nine fingers and how the one that was left was a liar. It took a lot of shadow-work but we got the point across.

**Witness** – have you ever told a lie?

**Street Guy** – who hasn’t?

**Ariel** – finally we made big shadows on the wall of hands greedily reaching for things.

**Witness** – are you jealous of what other people have?

**Street Guy** – get off my back man! Everybody is greedy! But deep down inside I’m a good person.

**Narrator**

Just like this guy, all we need to do is to admit our rebellion to God and confess to him that we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that He died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin, and that He rose again from the dead.

Can you think of anything that anyone has ever done for you that is better than this?

Please stop for a minute and tell God that you are admitting to him that you have broken His law. Ask him to forgive you for trying to be the boss of your life.

We are praying for anyone who hears this to see the truth of these words and to give their lives totally to Jesus Christ.

Do you see how all of these Beatitudes have been leading up to a life of total surrender and peace with God?

After you make things right with God –you need to see that the Bible says that people who don't have a clear conscience will make shipwreck of their faith.

Make a list of people whom you have offended and find a way to ask them to forgive you.

When you are at peace with God and man you are ready to be a Peacemaker who can share the Good News with others.

Don't fight with God about this –humble yourself as a little child whose Father knows what is best.

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