

Cultivate Peace

by Clement of Rome

Cultivating peace with godliness requires genuine devotion and a heart that seeks God, not just going through the motions.

Scripture: Psalm 12:3-5, Isaiah 29:13

Topics: "Genuine Worship", "Godly Living"

Description

Clement of Rome emphasizes the importance of genuine godliness and peace, warning against hypocritical behavior where outward expressions do not align with the heart. He quotes Scriptures that reveal the danger of insincere worship and the consequences of deceitful lips and boastful tongues. Clement highlights God's promise to arise for the oppressed and needy, ensuring their safety and confident care.

Transcript

Let us cleave, therefore, to those who cultivate peace with godliness, and not to those who hypocritically profess to desire it. For [the Scripture] says in a certain place, "This people honours Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me." And again: "They bless with their mouth, but curse with their heart." And again it says, "They loved Him with their mouth, and lied to Him with their tongue; but their heart was not right with Him, neither were they faithful in His covenant."

"Let the deceitful lips become silent," [and "let the Lord destroy all the lying lips,] and the boastful tongue of those who have said, Let us magnify our tongue; our lips are our own; who is lord over us?

For the oppression of the poor, and for the sighing of the needy, will I now arise, says the Lord: I will place him in safety; I will deal confidently with him."

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