

The Beatitudes

“Blessed Are the Meek”

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NKJV Bible.

The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12

“And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.

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

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Blessed are the Meek.

Matthew 5:5 "Blessed are the meek [gentle]; for they shall inherit the earth." (Comment added.)

- The world thinks in terms of strength, power, ability, self-assurance and aggressiveness.
- Yet Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek [gentle]; for they shall inherit the earth."
(Comment added.)

Paul Reminds Us to be Gentle and Humble.

Titus 3:1-2 “Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility [meekness] to all men.” (Comment added.)

Restore Others with a Spirit of Gentleness.

Galatians 6:1 “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness [meekness], considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”

(Comment added.)

Be Gentle to All, and Correct with Humility.

2 Timothy 2:23-26 "But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will."

Receive God's Word with Meekness.

James 1:21 "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

- The word "Meek" has been translated, "gentle," "humble," "lowly."

What Meekness is Not.

3 John 1:9-11 "I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us. Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church. Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God."

Several characteristics stand out about this man who caused such problems in the church.

- He was self-assertive.
- He refused to recognize authority.
- He was a malicious gossip who was ready to destroy others to build himself up and be in control. He caused serious disharmony in the church.

What is Meekness?

Only two people in the Bible are actually described as meek, and both had great authority and power.

Moses was Meek.

"(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth)" Numbers 12:3 (KJV).

- Moses certainly wasn't weak.

Jesus was Gentle and Lowly.

Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

- Jesus was meek, but he wasn't weak.
- True meekness has to do with inward discipline and not outer weakness.
- To understand who the "Meek" are it will be helpful to discover how the word was used in the Greek. There are two uses that will help us grasp the significance of "meek."

“Meek” in the Greek

- The word translated "meek" was used to describe anger under control.
- The word translated "meek" was used to describe strength under control.

Apostle Paul

Paul was a self-righteous Pharisee - a Hebrew of Hebrews, of the tribe of Benjamin, zealous, proud and arrogant. God had a plan for his life, but before He could use him he had to break him. Study Philippians 3:3-14

Apostle Peter

Matthew 26:75 “And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, ‘Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.’ So he went out and wept bitterly.”

- Peter had boasted that he would never deny the Lord Jesus.
- Peter wept bitterly. God did some breaking in Peter’s life.

Later Peter Preached, and 3000 Were Saved.

Acts 2:38-39 “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.’”

Closing Thoughts:

- God may have to do some breaking in your life so you will be submissive to him.
- The process can be rather painful.
- If God begins His breaking process in your life, don’t resist.
- You will only prolong the process.
- Humble yourself before God so He will not have to humble you.

Psalm 37:11 “But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.”