

The gospel according to  
**MATTHEW**

5 : 5

Part 14

## **MATTHEW 5 : 4**

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

## **THE POOR IN SPIRIT**

The Lord Jesus calls 'blessed' those who are poor in spirit. He means the humble, and lowly-minded, and self-abased; He means those who are deeply convinced of their own sinfulness in God's sight...

...Humility is the very first letter in alphabet of Christianity.

## **THOSE WHO MOURN**

The Lord Jesus calls 'blessed' those who mourn. He means those who sorrow for sin, and grieve daily over their own short-comings. These people are more concerned about sin than about anything on earth: the remembrance of it is grievous to them; the burden of it is intolerable. Blessed are all such! "The sacrifices of God are

## **THOSE WHO MOURN**

a broken spirit and a contrite heart.

One day they will weep no more: “they will be comforted!”

## **THE MEEK**

The Lord Jesus calls 'blessed' those who are meek. He means those who are of a patient and contented spirit. They are willing to put up with little honor here below; they can bear injuries without resentment; they are not ready to take offense....

...Blessed are all such! They are never losers in the long run. One day they will "reign on the earth." (Rev. 5:10)

**How does  
meekness differ  
from poverty of  
spirit?**

**Poverty of spirit has  
to do with a  
person's assessment**

**of himself  
especially in  
respect to God.  
Meekness has more  
to do with his  
relationship to God  
*and* to man.**



## **MEEK –**

Humble, 1. Mild of temper; not easily provoked or irritated; patient under injuries; not vain, or haughty, or resentful; forbearing; submissive.

Etymology: From Scandinavian = soft, pliant, gentle.

**In our world today, life  
is about self-assertion,  
demanding your rights...  
‘get it for yourself or  
someone else will get it.**

**It's about power,  
stature, prestige, deep  
respect from others...  
You give orders and  
everyone jumps.**

# **MEEKNESS SHOULD CHARACTERIZE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS...**

- ① You should listen to God's Word with meekness

## **JAMES 1 : 21**

Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with **meekness** the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

# **MEEKNESS SHOULD CHARACTERIZE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS...**

② You should witness with  
meekness

**1 PETER 3 : 15, 16a**

...but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord  
as holy, always being prepared to make a  
defense to anyone who asks you for a  
reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup> yet do  
it with gentleness and respect

# **MEEKNESS SHOULD CHARACTERIZE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS...**

③ Meekness is a fruit of the Spirit

## **GALATIANS 5 : 22 - 23**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,  
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control;  
against such things there is no law.

# **MEEKNESS SHOULD CHARACTERIZE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS...**

- ④** You are to deal with problems with meekness

## **GALATIANS 6 : 1**

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

## **1 CORINTHIANS 4 : 21**

What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

## **2 CORINTHIANS 10 : 1**

I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away!—



## **EPHESIANS 4 : 2**

with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

## **2 TIMOTHY 2 : 24 , 25**

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, <sup>25</sup> correcting his opponents with gentleness....

## **TITUS 3 : 2**

to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

# **MEEKNESS SHOULD CHARACTERIZE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS...**

- 5** You are to daily dress yourself  
with meekness

## **COLOSSIANS 3 : 12**

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy  
and beloved, compassion, kindness,  
humility, **meekness**, and patience

## **1 TIMOTHY 6 : 11**

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness

**All of this reveals how important meekness is. It is not a natural characteristic in man, but the result of the supernatural working of God's Spirit in your life.**

## **NUMBERS 12 : 3**

Now the man Moses was very meek,  
above all the men which were upon the  
face of the earth. [KJV]

# CHRIST'S EXAMPLE OF MEEKNESS

## 1 PETER 2 : 21- 23

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed *no* sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. <sup>23</sup> When He was reviled, He did *not* revile in return; when He suffered, He did *not* threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly.

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## **MATTHEW 11 : 28 - 30**

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”



“Meekness is essentially a true view of oneself, expressing itself in attitude and conduct with respect to others...The man who is *truly meek* is the one who is truly amazed that God and man can think of him as well as they do and treat him as well as they do. This makes him gentle, humble, sensitive, patient in all his dealings with others...”

—D. Martyn Lloyd Jones