

Blessed are the Meek



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- The Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew Chapters 5-7, which contains the words of Jesus Christ as He taught His disciples at the outset of His earthly ministry.
 - Matthew 5:1-12, begins with the “beatitudes” which describes the character of every Kingdom citizen.
- A. As we study these Eight Beatitudes found in Matthew 5:1-10, it will help us to grow in our understanding what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
1. I believe we will learn the distinguishing marks of what it means to be a true Christian and not a carnal Christian.
 2. I believe it will cause us to search our own hearts and view our own lives from Christ’s perspective and not the world perspective.
 3. I believe these qualities reveal the true character of the citizens of the Kingdom of God. The blessing for every Kingdom citizen is the hope and glorious reward that we can expect both now and for eternity.
- Purpose: to teach us what it truly means to be a true follower of Jesus Christ.
 - Goal: to make us aware of our need for God and to help us to pursue a life that is well-pleasing in the sight of God.
 - Spiritual Principles: Stewardship, Faith, Obedience, Agreement, Unconditional Love
- What does the word “blessed” mean?
 1. The word “blessed” is known to mean happy or fortunate.
 2. The word “blessed” is a spiritual joy and satisfaction that lasts regardless of conditions; that carries one through pain, sorrow, loss, and grief.

○ Lessons Taught:

1. (Matthew 5:3) – Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 - Being “poor in spirit” is to be in spiritual poverty; to be conscious of one’s continual dependence on God.
 - Being “poor in spirit” is a personal awareness and recognition before God, that there is nothing in us, about us, that warrants any sense of self-sufficiency.

2. Matthew 5:4), “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”
 - The word “mourn” means to feel or express grief or sorrow; to have a broken heart over or to be in wailing.
 - It is a deep sorrow or to be broken hearted over the state of the world due to sin and the destruction it causes in the life of both believers and unbelievers.
 - It is a sorrow not just for one’s own personal sins, but also sorrow because of the state and condition of our world.

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- A. Jesus says, “Blessed are the meek or humble, for they shall inherit the earth.” (vs. 5)
1. The greatest person that ever lived was meek and humble – Jesus Christ. (Matthew 11:28-30)
 2. Jesus Christ is gentle and humble, considerate and understanding, kind and caring, loving and compassionate, longsuffering and encouraging to every person who seeks Him. (Hebrews 4:15-16, 1 Peter 5:7)

3. Jesus Christ is our greatest example of meekness that every believer can learn and grow from. He was God in flesh – He was equal with God – He was 100% God and 100% man (God-Man). (Philippians 2:5-8)
4. Jesus Christ demonstrated meekness by His willingness to sacrifice His life for the life of many. (John 3:16, John 4:34, John 9:4-5)
5. Jesus Christ possessed all power and authority. He could have called on God to send His angelic forces at any point and time to come to His aid as they led Him away to the cross. (Matthew 26:47-54, 1 Peter 2:21-24, John 10:17-18)
6. Jesus Christ never demanded, but commanded his disciples based upon the life He lived and modeled before them. (Matthew 23:1-39)
 - (vs. 1-7) – Jesus sends a very strong rebuke to the religious leaders (Pharisees and scribes). Notice Jesus calls them out on their arrogance, their prideful attitude and hypocritical behavior.
 - They demand that you do what they tell you to do, but they don't practice what they preach. (vs. 3)
 - They ask you to do what they are unwilling to do themselves. (vs. 4)
 - They love to be seen and to receive recognition, praise and honor of men. (vs. 5-7)
 - (vs. 11-12) – Jesus makes a clear distinction between those who are great in His kingdom and those who seek to be great among men.
 - Jesus Christ, who is the greatest among all men, came not to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.
 - Jesus Christ teaches that the greatest among you are not determined by visibility, notability, nor the highest position or the highest paid in the world – but Jesus Kingdom standard for greatness is being a servant. (vs. 11)
 - Jesus Christ teaches us that the greatest among you are those who walk in humility and not pride and arrogance. Those who seek to be exalted will be humbled (brought down), and those who humble themselves will be exalted (lifted up). (vs. 12) (James 4:10, 1 Peter 5:5-6)

- (vs. 13-30) – Jesus sends a direct rebuke to these religious leaders, “But, woe to you scribes and Pharisees, (bunch of hypocrites or pretenders)!”
- Jesus calls them out on their foolish and selfish behavior, that their glory seeking days are numbered and all who continue such behavior shall not inherit the kingdom of God. (vs. 14-30)

B. What we have to understand that the word “meekness” does not mean weakness. In other words, it means power under control. (Proverbs 16:32, 25:28)

- The word “meek” means mild tempered, gentle, or humble.
1. It is not a person who relies on their wisdom, strength, gift, talent and abilities, but those who relies upon Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit who supplies every believer with grace and strength to overcome every obstacle of life.
 2. It is not a person who is prideful and arrogant. It is not someone who view themselves superior over others
 3. It is not a person who promotes themselves and their agenda above God and His agenda.
- As believers to be “meek” is being totally submitted and committed to fulfilling God’s will in the earth.
 - The “meek” are those who walk humbly before God and man. (Philippians 2:3-4)
 - They are not self-seeking or self-righteous in both attitude and behavior.
 - They are not easily provoked.
 - As believers if we are going to fulfill the will of God for our lives, we must remain dependent on God and not independent of Him.
 - Meekness is equated with strength. It is the strength of the Jesus Christ working in the life of the believer. (Psalm 28:7, Philippians 4:13, 2Corinthians 12:9-10)
 - Who are the meek that Jesus declares that shall inherit the earth? They are those who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord over their life.

- Those who have given their lives over to Christ, recognize that it is not a fleshly trait (something that man can produce on his own), but a character trait that only the Holy Spirit can produce in the life of a true believer that is fully committed to Jesus Christ. (Galatians 5:19-22)
- The meek are those believers who recognize that every good and perfect gift comes from above – It all comes from the Almighty God. (James 1:17)
- 4. The meek are those believers who recognize the power of God's grace working in their life. (1 Corinthians 15:9-10)
- 5. The meek are those believers who recognize that we are made righteous because of Jesus Christ and not by our own righteousness. (Romans 5:1-2, 1Corinthians 1:30-31)
- 6. The meek are those believers who recognize that what separates us from those in the world is our love for Jesus Christ, our love for others, and our willingness to obey God's Word at all cost. (Matthew 22:37-40, John 13:34-35, John 14:23-24)
- 7. The meek are those believers who recognize God will be our shield and our defense. (Romans 8:31, 37, 1 John 4:4, Psalm 34:19, Psalm 91:1-11, Isaiah 54:16-17)
- 8. The meek are those believers who walk humbly before the Lord thy God. (Micah 6:8, James 4:6, 10)