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# The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth

**BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH: Matthew 5:5**

The word beatitude means supreme blessedness or happiness

Jesus teaches the blessedness of those who possess certain qualities in answering questions people might have been asking:

Who will be the citizens of the kingdom of heaven and what benefits do they receive?

Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount so that his Father would get the glory for the way the disciples lived.

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POOR IN SPIRIT - to have a humble opinion of ourselves; to be sensible that we are sinners, and have no righteousness of our own, to be willing to be saved only by the rich grace and mercy of God to convicted of one's own spiritual poverty as the tax collector in Lu 18:13.

Such people God will accept into His good favour - Isa 57: 15; 66:1-2 The opposite of "poor in spirit" would be proud of heart, like: The Pharisee in Lu 18:9-14 and The Laodiceans in Rev 3:17-19

THEY "MOURN"... - over their own spiritual poverty, their sinfulness; like David did after his adultery with Bathsheba - Ps 51:3-4

Unless one is first poor in spirit, they will not mourn over their spiritual poverty.

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MEEK This means gentle, easy to be entreated (begged of), compliant.

They would rather suffer injury than inflict it. Not out of weakness, but out of humility;

They realize their own poverty of spirit, their own sinfulness. Moses was certainly not a weak or timid man –

*Ex 32:19-20; 30-34;*

But when personally attacked, he was very humble -  
*Num 12:1-3*

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Jesus wants a lifestyle in his disciples that would make people think about the value of God.

Jesus does not want our reformation or the transformation of personalities for its own sake.

In the Lord's Prayer, at the centre of this sermon is Hallowed be thy name!

What does meekness have to do with God? How does becoming meek and being meek promote the hallowing of God's name?

This was the passion of our Lord's life. It must be the passion of ours too.

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Psalm 37:11. says, The meek shall possess the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

In the Greek Old Testament Psalm 37:11 words are almost identical with Matthew 5:5. It says, The meek shall inherit the land. The word for land in Greek and Hebrew also means earth.

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## **Who are the Meek?**

**They Trust in God** - Meek people begin by trusting God v5. They believe that he will work for them and vindicate them when others oppose them. Biblical meekness is rooted in the deep confidence that God is for you and not against you.

**They Are Quiet Before God and Wait for Him** -v7, meek people are quiet or still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

**They discover-** God can be trusted - they commit their way to him - they wait patiently in stillness for the work of God in their lives.

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## **The Meek- Wait for the Lord**

Those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land, What does it mean to wait for the Lord?

Psalm 37- verse 5ff

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret--it leads only to evil. For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.



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The meek don't fret about the wicked who prosper in their way; and they refrain from anger.

Their family and work and life are in God's sovereign hands; they trust him; they wait patiently and quietly to see how his power and goodness will work things out;

The setbacks and obstacles and opponents of life do not produce bitterness and anger and fretfulness.-

Their lives are free of frenzy:

Meek people have a quiet steadiness about their lives in the midst of upheaval.

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## **Meekness Refrains from Revenge and Defensiveness**

Not only does trust God, and commits ways to God, wait patiently for God, and refrain from anger; also refrains from revenge and defensiveness

Meekness loves to give place to wrath and leave its vindication with God. Meekness is the power to absorb adversity and criticism without lashing back.

*James 1:19–21. Know this, my beloved brethren. Let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, for the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

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**Meekness Is Teachable** meekness is teachability. To receive the Word with meekness, we don't have a resistant, hostile spirit when we are being taught.

It means, v19 says, that we should be "SLOW to anger," Jesus said in Matthew 11:29, "I am meek and lowly in heart."

But in Mark 3:5 it says he became angry and grieved at the hardheartedness of the Pharisees; and in

Matthew 21:12ff. He drove the merchants out of the temple and turned over their tables.

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Meekness does not OK the absence of passion and conviction and even indignation for the glory of God.

Our disposition is one of readiness to listen and learn. We are slow to write a person off, slow to condemn, slow to anger.

Let us be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves in discerning what is meekness and what is pride.

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## **Meekness equals "Wisdom"**

This becomes even clearer in [James 3:13](#) and [17](#). The truly wise people are also the truly meek people.

*v17: "But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason . . ."*

Wisdom in the Bible is never a merely an intellectual affair. It is something of the heart as well as ideas in the head.

So meekness and wisdom are one.

They are both peaceable, gentle, and open to reason.

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**Meekness = Reasonableness** - No one has to accept my opinion and I don't have to accept anyone else's. Live and let live.

**Meekness Cares About the Truth**

**Meekness and the Knowledge of Fallibility and Sin:**

*Galatians 6:1-2. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of meekness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted, Let him who thinks that he stand take heed lest he fall.*

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So, Meekness begins with God and ends with God. And whenever we see a person like that, we give God the glory and the aim of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount is fulfilled.

*Vs 12: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you."*

In other words, the promise of great reward gives the disciples strength to endure persecution with joy.

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If you are a disciple of Jesus Christ, sitting at his feet on the mount this morning, if you trust him and commit your ways to him and wait patiently for him, God has already begun to help you and will help you more.

Primarily he will help to assure your heart that you are a fellow heir of Jesus Christ and that the world and everything in it is yours. He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not freely give us all things with him?

All things!

No good thing will he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

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- ❖ **Will inherit the earth**
- ❖ **The kingdom of God**
- ❖ **Will be truly blessed**
- ❖ **Will be happy**