

Blessed Are the Meek TFC SERMON 5FEB2017

Intro: How many sayings are commonplace from SOM? salt and light, what good is it for a man to gain the whole world yet lose and forfeit his very soul, narrow road, judge not lest ye be judged, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, turn the other cheek, seek first the kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given unto you. building on sand or rock.... impenetrable, eternal, and beautiful wisdom from a heart of love.

Constitution-JESUS- HE declares it from a mountain Parallel's of Moses giving of LAW- But as **GOD-** You have heard it said but I say.... I AM GOD

1. **Call about difference in his KINGDOM, HIS PEOPLE:"**

a. *Worst comment to a Church or true disciple=*

i. ***"You are just like everyone else."***

b. Set apart- called to be set apart.

i. Set apart from " ...DO NOT BE LIKE"

1. Pharisee, *"For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teacher of the law, you will certainly NOT enter the kingdom of heaven"*

2. Pagans, *"When you pray, do not be like the HYPOCRITES, And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like the pagans.."*

3. Others.. *"MT 5:47 – AND IF YOU GREET ONLY YOUR BROTHERS, what are you doing more than OTHERS. (WOW)"*

4. BE HOLY- SET APART.

5. Syncretism sin of OT, Blending. Samaritians, blended= **Spiritual death**

2. ***Read V3-end "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."***

a. Logical next step- poor spirit (desperate God) , blessed are those who mourn (repent) ... Blessed Happy= MEEK...

b. Now How should they change and what is their reward?

c. BECOME-Meek- Def: Humble and Gentle. Who are the meek?

d. **WORLD DEFINITION=** "meekness" suggests the idea of passivity, someone who is easily imposed upon, spinelessness, weakness.

Their motto was: 'the meek shall inherit the earth-if that's okay with everybody.? COWER POWER

What is disturbing about all of this, though, is that many people assume that the ridiculous ideas behind DOORMATS and Cower Power represent the quality of meekness set forth in [Matthew 5:5](#). Many, even in the church, think that to be meek is to be weak. But the opposite is true. ie "MEEK IS NOT WEAK."

a. In the Greek New Testament, "meek" is from the Greek term "praus." It does not suggest weakness; rather, = **strength brought under control**. The ancient Greeks employed the term to describe a wild horse tamed to

the bridle. Left unbridled the horse causes damage and even death. But bridled it can be strength channeled for good, life, help, joy, productivity, blessing.

- b. In the biblical sense, therefore, being meek describes one who has channeled his strengths into the service of God. SURRENDERED TO WORD OF GOD. Only responds to the voice of the master.

The **slogan 'strong enough to be gentle? comes close to defining it.**

= apply this to ourselves. When we are meek, we will bear insults without lashing out in proud resentment or retaliation.

A. W. Tozer once wrote, The meek man is not a human mouse afflicted with a sense of his own inferiority. Rather he may be in his moral life as bold as a lion and as strong as Samson; but he has stopped being fooled about himself. He has accepted God's estimate of his own life. He knows he is as weak and helpless as God declared him to be, but paradoxically, he knows at the same time that he is in the sight of God of more importance than angels. In himself, nothing; in God, everything. That is his motto.?

Quoted in Today in the Word, September, 1989, p. 19 **MOVING TOWARD MEEKNESS**

***Meekness is one of the most challenging and elusive Beatitudes.**

MAKIN IT REAL: You can't get through life, let alone ministry, without eventually being around someone who will try to intimidate, control, or manipulate you. How does God want us to deal with intimidating people?

- 3. THE SCRIPTURES make much of meekness ... and so it is the more appalling that meekness does not characterize more of us who claim to be Christians. Both at the personal level, where we are too often concerned with justifying ourselves rather than with edifying our brother, and at the corporate level, where we are more successful at organizing rallies, institutions, and pressure groups than at extending the kingdom of God, meekness has not been the mark of most Christians for a long time.
D. A. Carson, The Sermon on the Mount

- a. MEEK IS NOT WEAK, MEEK IS NOT WEAK

- i. Only 2 Biblical character – defined as MEEK

1. MOSES- read and contrast- "**Moses was very meek, more than all men that were on the face of the earth? (Num. 12:3). Has he not spoken through us also?" And the Lord heard it. Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all men that were on the face of the earth. And suddenly the Lord said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting." What happens in the following verses is that the Lord rebukes Miriam and Aaron and vindicates his servant Moses.**

- a. How would you respond to Miriam and Aaron

- i. I would be you what crazy man- " I LET YOU alone for 1 minute and U-Build Golden Calf ?, Miriam why you pushy woman? Not meek

- b. Moses pray- GOD FIGHTS HIS BATTLES. STEPS IN MEEK...HUMBLE

- c. Scripture says he is most meek humble guy in the world. GUESS WHO WROTE THIS>>> MOSES..

(HS)

(Mary? THERE IS radiant meekness in Mary's response to the archangel Gabriel: "Here I am, the servant of the Lord. Let it be with me just as you have said" (Luke 1:38). ...

2. True meekness is best seen in Christ. He was submissive, never resisting or disputing the will of God. His absolute trust in the Father enabled Him to show compassion, courage, and self-sacrifice even in the most hostile situation.

Jesus declared Himself to be meek (Matthew 11:29),

"TO SEE what meekness is, you must look not at meekness but at Christ. Saying meekness is this or that sends you to concepts which are pale copies of reality. Saying "Jesus is meek" sends you to the living reality of it."
Quote Peter Kreeft, Back to Virtue

Jesus Epitome of MEEK- JESUS- Matt 11:28 *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

d. Controlled power- [Matthew 26-27](#) Could have called 10,000 angels, when struck.

e. **1 Peter 2**- remains silent entrust self to the one above. Key to life.

f. *Paul says he tries to be meek. -Acts 23 When struck how does he respond- You whitewash wall)*
1 Paul looked straight at the Sanhedrin and said, "My brothers, I have fulfilled my duty to God in all good conscience to this day." 2 At this the high priest Ananias ordered those standing near Paul to strike him on the mouth. 3 Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! You sit there to judge me according to the law, yet you yourself violate the law by commanding that I be struck!" 4 Those who were standing near Paul said, "How dare you insult God's high priest!" 5 Paul replied, "Brothers, I did not realize that he was the high priest; for it is written: 'Do not speak evil about the ruler of your people.'

2. Examples of Meek and NOT MEEK.

a. FOR ME NOT NATURALLY MEEK-

i. Working on [Philip 4:3](#) *Let gentleness be evident to all.* =
Gentleness is sweetly reasonable-I want others to
Remember me as- (Loving, Humble, Gentle, Generous)

ii. Where I am tempted -Cellphone Charger or headphones
location stolen by a family member. Or remote control of tv?

b. Parents- Do we aspire to model meekness for our children or wish and desire for them to grow up to be meek?

c. Teens- who are your heros- Meek people like- Political figures,
Sports Figures- The Meek Gronc...Groncowski or Tom Brady..
I googled meek and NFL football players? Not found

d. Those seeking GOD- MEEK = KINGDOM-

- i. REALIZE NEED PRAYER, BIBLE AND WORD OR GOD AND HIS PEOPLE TO LIVE. NEED GOD. WHY WOULD WE TRY TO LIVE LIFE ON OUR OWN MERIT. WE THINK WE ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN GOD.
 - ii. STUDY BIBLE WITH SOMEONE ADVICE.
 - e. Christians are COUNTERCULTURE>>>
 - f. Marriage- I married my wife for her meekness....
 - g. Advice= Humble gentle- Is it meek to think you know how to start a business without prayer, scripture and advice?
 - i. Pick a new job, buy a house, move, make large purchase or big decisions, GOD HELP US TO BE MEEK. We need each other to be meek. We need the Kingdom and Community to thrive.
- 4. **Meek -Inherit the Earth-** IF IT IS the meek who will inherit the earth, this is perhaps because the earth,. It is a gift. Or, in the words of the beatitude, it is an inheritance.

SIMPLY PUT:

1. God is the owner of this earth (Psalm 24:1).
2. Those who obey Christ become children of God (Galatians 3:27; Hebrews 5:9), and “joint-heirs” with the Lord (Romans 8:17).
3. ie MEEK (WE) GET TERRA FIRMA KINGDOM EARTH IN THE END>>>> I GOT MY PIECE PICKED OUT> Michelle and I little place in HAWAIIIN islands??

1 Peter 1: inheritance that never perish, spoils or fades,...

5. What if the FAYETTEVILLE CHURCH- We all decided to PURSE MEEKNESS- WHAT would be look like,
 - a. When?NOW- would DECIDED TO BE MEEK- TO EXCEL- MEEK MEN MEEK WOMEN MEEK in MARRIAGE- HOW WOULD WE CHANGE

CHURCH LETS MOVE TOWARD MEEKNESS HOW-

None of us is as meek or gentle as we ought to be.

1. Find someone who will speak to the truth in love to you, and ask him or her, “Am I gentle?”

2. **STUDY THE BIBLE WITH SOMEONE.** Meditate upon some key texts of Scripture: ...consider the character of Christ. Paul said every Christian is “being transformed into the same image” of Christ, “from one degree of glory to another” (2 Cor 3:18). This means we are coming to share in his meekness, too (Matt 11:2)
3. . Pray God would make you more gentle. Surely this is a prayer God delights to answer

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

MEEKNESS IS NOT WEAKNESS_ LET IT SHINE,