

“Kingdom Come”

Sermon on the Mount Series: Third Lesson

“BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.” (MATTHEW 5:5)

- **QUESTION:** What impact is the series having on your faith so far?

Psalm 37 and Context

- Beatitude position significant: Poor in spirit - mourn - meek - hunger & thirst for righteousness
- Paradoxical blessing. How do we resolve the paradox?
- **Psalm 37:11** – recognised as messianic

1. Meekness

- ‘praus: ‘gentle, humble, considerate, courteous’. **2 Cor 10:1, Gal 5:22, Col 3:12, 1 Pet 3:15f, (Isaiah 61.1, see also Luke 4.16-30).**

a. Jesus

- Humble *and* strong
- **Matt 11:28f** (translated ‘gentle’) & **2 Cor 10:1**; See also **Jn 18:11**.
- **QUESTION:** How does Jesus display meekness? What examples can you think of?

What does meekness look like in the life of a follower of Jesus?

b. Us

- Secure humility
 - Christians have all things in Christ (**2 Cor 6:10, 1 Cor 3:21-23**).
 - No self-pity, self-defence, no feeling sorry for self, no retaliation, **1 Pet 2.21-25, Rom 12:19**.
 - The meek are strong but do not feel the need to display that strength, **Lk 14.11**.
 - The meek see themselves as unimportant, even if they are important (like Moses).
- Concern for others
 - “Meekness is a controlled desire to see the other’s interests advance ahead of one’s own.” **Gal 6:1**.
 - The meek relate well to people - they see themselves under God along with all others.
 - The meek are “those who do not throw their weight about.” France, R. T. Matthew. NICNT.
- **QUESTION:** How can we develop meekness?

2. Inherit the Earth

- **Isaiah 65-66**
- **Matt 19:28, 2 Pet 3:13, Rev 21:1**.
- Meek people are always satisfied, **2 Cor 6:10, Phil 4:11, 1 Cor 3:21**
- God can afford to exalt the meek without the danger of their getting proud. **1 Peter 5.5-6**
- **QUESTION:** How will this promise affect the way you live this week?

Resources and Suggestions

- Douglas Jacoby’s podcast series on the Sermon on the Mount: <https://www.douglasjacoby.com/the-sermon-on-the-mount-00-introduction/>
- Meekness and Majesty: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDGF3c8tsko>
- My podcast: “Beatitudes series: Blessed are the meek” - Quiet Time Coaching: Episode 111 - <https://www.malcolmcox.org/beatitudes-series-blessed-are-the-meek/>
- Study the life of Moses looking for examples of meekness and what resulted from his meekness.