

Kingdom Living: Here and Now

Matthew 5:5

Mother's Day May 08, 2022

*"Blessed are the meek for
they will inherit the earth"*
(Jesus of Nazareth)

1. Reminder about the Beatitudes

Not qualifications in order to earn God's **approval**

Not a **checklist** of "to do's" for self-congratulation

Spoken words of grace from Jesus to His followers

2. Jesus is the blessed **man / woman** of each Beatitude

Blessed are the poor in spirit (2 Cor. 8:9)

Blessed are those who mourn (Luke 19:41-44)

Blessed are the meek (Matt. 11:28-30)

3. What does "meek" mean?

Then, a composed **lack** of emotion or reaction to others

Today, a quiet resignation and/or spineless indifference

Bible, **fearless** trust in God's vindication

"[the meek are] those who acknowledge their dependence on the goodness and grace of God and betray no arrogance toward their fellow man." (NIV Study Bible on Psalm 37:11)

illus. *"Not my will but Yours be done."*

4. How will the meek ever inherit the earth?

Maintain a **pilgrim** mentality and take the long view

Meekness is vertical to God, then **horizontal** to others

We are **marching** in Christ's victory parade (2Cor. 2:14)

On Your Own (better with others)

1. Who is one "meek" person you know? _____
(name)
2. From today's sermon, would anyone say you are meek? Y / N
Why or why not?
3. Sometimes in ancient times the word "meek" was used to describe a horse that was tamed. Discuss why this is/isn't what Jesus is talking about in Matthew 5:5.
4. Were Jesus' disciples meek? Look up these references.
Matt. 20:20-24
Mark 3:17
Luke 9:51-55
John 13:1-5
5. READ Psalm 37:1-7. Make a list of commands and references
ex. Do not fret because of evil men (vs.1)
6. *agree/disagree*
The beatitudes (esp. Matt. 5:5) do not work in today's world.
7. How would your life change if you became a person who "fearlessly trusted in God's vindication" instead of asserting your rights at home? School? Work? Church?