



The Mystery of Meekness

Matthew 5:5
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

I. Intro

The concept of meekness in the First Century was just as countercultural against the captivity of the Roman Empire as it is today in our competitive culture.

- The first and second beatitudes focus on my _____, while meekness begins to focus on God's _____.

Ephesians 4:1-2
As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Colossians 3:12
Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

- It is only when I am in awe of his _____ that my spirit is _____.

II. Questions on Meekness

A. What is the _____ of meekness?

Proverbs 25:28
Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control.

- Meekness is not a _____ characteristic but a _____ characteristic brought about by the working of the Spirit in my life.

Meekness: deficient in courage. - Webster's Dictionary

Meekness: power under control.

Galatians 5:22-23
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

- Christ came as _____ and will return in _____.

II Corinthians 10:1a
By the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you...

Matthew 21:5
"Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

I Peter 2:21-23

- _____ doesn't make everything about me.
- Meekness doesn't dwell on past _____, nor does it hold onto _____.
- Meekness is not the _____ of anger but it is anger _____ at the right target.
- Meekness is power used in defending God's _____ and God's _____.
- Meekness realizes that God has _____ my _____.

B. What does meekness _____ like?

1. _____

Romans 12:10

Genesis 13:8-9

2. _____

Genesis 45:4-9

3. _____

Numbers 12:1-3

4. _____

I Samuel 26:7-11

- It is when we do the _____ that God lets us experience the _____.

C. What are the _____ of meekness?

Psalm 37:1-13
Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; ²for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. ³Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. ⁴Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: ⁶He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. ⁷Be 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. ⁸Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. ⁹For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land. ¹⁰A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. ¹¹But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace. ¹²The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them; ¹³but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming.

- Meekness will expand your borders _____ and _____.

Meekness: puts no confidence in flesh but total confidence in God.

Inherit: receive your allotment.