

40 Days With Jesus
Week #3 – Jesus on “Living for the Inheritance”

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

Summary

This sermon will focus our attention on the third beatitude: “*the meek shall inherit the earth.*” This sermon will examine the necessity of meekness, gentleness, and humility when it comes to inheriting true freedom found only within the Lord.

Five Marks of Meekness

Mark #1 – Begins with the Defining Moment

- **Ephesians 4:1-2 (NIV)** – As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.
- **Competing Worldview** = Meekness is Weakness
- **Key Point:** The first mark of meekness examines the different definitions associated with meekness. The world understands meekness to be a synonym for weakness where God’s definition is that of humility and strength. We must understand and implement the correct definition of meekness in order to inherit the blessing of God.
- **Key Question:** How do you define meekness? How does this compare to God’s definition? Explain.

Mark #2 – Demonstrates God’s Power

- **Hebrews 11:13-16 (NIV)** – All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.
- **Abraham** – Power to Lead • **Moses** – Power to Transform
- **David** – Power to Restore • **Paul** – Power to Forgive
- **Jesus** – Power to give Salvation
- **Key Point:** The second mark of meekness occurs when we learn to completely empty our lives of our own human will. True meekness is seen only through humility. It is in our humility that the true nature of meekness is seen. Meekness is not weakness rather it demonstrates God’s incomparable power. We see His power is made visible through our meekness. It is here where others experience the God that has the power to *Lead, Restore, Transform, Forgive, and Save.*
- **Key Question:** Explain how God’s power is exhibited through our meekness.

Mark #3 – Demonstrates God’s Love

- **Colossians 3:12 (NIV)** – Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

- **Key Point:** The third mark of meekness comes in the form of exhibiting God's love. Meekness is a key element in exhibiting the love of God. We see this example set for us by the Savior time and again throughout the NT.
- **Key Question:** List two people that you desire to demonstrate God's Love to this week. Why did you choose these people?

Mark #4 – Demonstrates the Example of Christ

- **John 13:12-15 (NIV)** – When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.
- **Key Point:** The fourth mark of meekness is a prime example of the essence of Jesus Christ. It was his gentleness and unconditional love that we are called to imitate as we live this life.
- **Key Question:** What are two ways that you have been the example of Christ this week? How did this impact your week?

Mark #5 – Demonstrates God's Blessing

- **Psalm 37:11 (NIV)** – But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.
- **Key Point:** The final mark of meekness leads to examine the blessing that comes along with this lifestyle. The blessing states that the meek will inherit the earth. As we examine Scripture we understand that Christ will come back to claim His dominion over this earth. A new heaven and earth will be created (Rev. 21:1-2) and His people shall dwell with Him forever. The blessing is to inherit eternal life with Christ.
- **Key Question:** Explain in your own words what it means for the gentle and humble in heart to inherit the earth.

Questions to Consider

1. What are the areas in my life where I need to abound with meekness?
2. List and explain three ways that you could exhibit gentleness to a friend, family member, or co-worker this week.

Memory Verse:

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

Application

Continue reading the 40 Day Devotional Guide and answer the one question quiz found in the bulletin.



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