

Matthews Gospel "The Sermon On The Mount"
"The Strength of Gentleness"
Matthew 5:5
Part-10

The Gentle or (meek) - are blessed!
The Gentle or (meek) - inherit the earth!

It sounds strange for 2 reasons:

1. Gentleness or (meekness) is not looked at as an asset. Who wants to be taken advantage of?
2. We don't think it is a true statement! Meek & gentle people seem to be the most unlikely people to inherit the earth.

This is a paradoxical statement! Jesus gave many paradoxical statements:

1. Serving is ruling
2. Poor are rich
3. Least is greatest
4. Weakness is strength
5. Last will be first
6. Losing is finding
7. Giving is receiving
8. Dying is living

- 1 Cor. 1:26-31

We will ask 4 questions in our study this morning:

1. Who Are The Blessed?
2. What Is Gentleness?
3. What Is The Blessing Of Gentleness?
4. How Does One Become Gentle?

1. Who Are The Blessed?

Beatitudes - means "have these attitudes"...beautiful attitudes
(not DO-Attitudes)

This sermon was addressed to Disciples - "learners, pupils,
followers of the teacher and teachings"

~ This sermon is not a new standard by which a man can be

saved!

~ This sermon does not replace the Ten Commandments

~ This sermon is impossible to fulfill thru human resources

"Blessed" "Oh how happy.....To be envied...happiness" This word was used of Greek gods that alone were said to have possessed a joy and happiness that could only be enjoyed in the divine.

Blessed (divine happiness) is God's blessing and approval upon us, Literally "The applause of heaven" a result of God Himself being pleased with us. That if we truly want God, if we truly want the spiritual than these beatitudes are for us.

Who Are The Blessed? Those that God approves, heaven applauds, they have the blessing from Him.

1# Beatitude is "Blessed is the Poor in spirit" This is Spiritual Bankruptcy.

2# Beatitude is "Blessed are those who mourn" "Mourning over Sin."

2. What Is Gentleness?

What Gentleness is not! (Meekness is not weakness)

1. Gentleness is not produced Naturally:
2. Gentleness is not Indecisiveness:
3. Gentleness is not Cowardice:
4. Gentleness is not Niceness:
5. Gentleness is not Peace At Any Price:
6. Gentleness is not a result of Social Refinement:

Gentle – "mildness," but not weak. "Subservient, trusting attitude toward God." It's the idea of "a wild animal that has been domesticated, that has learned to accept the control of its master, properly behaved."

~ It's used to describe "a soothing medicine"

~It's used in referring to "gentle breezes" which cool, as opposed to a hurricane, which kills. It is "power under control."

~It's "anger on the right occasion, with the right people, at the right moment, with the right motive, for the right length of time."

~It's not selfish anger...anger over insult or injury committed against oneself.

It's is "a true view of one's self, expressing itself in attitude and conduct with respect to others."

Gentleness is rightly the 3rd Beatitude....It follows in order:

Gentleness is not sensitive to "self"It no longer worries about "Self".....

It is the attitude: "I'll never defend myself, but I'll die defending God."

Examples of Gentleness:

Jesus Christ: is the model of gentleness

Jesus in respect to Himself, never practiced vindication or retaliation

Jesus was a lion in matters of faith and care for others

- Matt 11:28-30
- John 18:1-11
- 1 Peter 2:21-23

Abraham - In • Genesis 12, 13:8-12

Joseph - • Gen. 45:3-15 • Gen 50:20

Moses - • Numbers 12:3 "The meekest Man."
• Numbers 12:1-15

David - • 1 Samuel 24:4 and • 1 Samuel 26:1
• 2 Samuel 16:5-14

Stephen - • Acts 7:58-60

Paul - • Eph. 4:1-3; • 2 Cor. 10:1

5 Reasons Why We Need To Be Gentle:

1. So we can Receive God's Truth: • James 1:21
2. In order to be an effective Witness: • 1 Peter 3:15
3. It is The Evidence That We Are Truly Spirit Filled:
• Galatians 5:22-23
4. It's the Biblical way (Proper way) To Treat One Another:
• Philippians 2:1-5
5. It Brings Glory To God: • 1 Peter 3:4

3. What Is The Blessing Of Gentleness?

1. We are Blessed: Joy and peace that is divine – happiness thru having a relationship with God. We have God's approval. We have heavens applause!
 2. We are empowered – Being yielded to God, we experience His power, His unlimited resources coming thru us. • 2 Cor 12:9
 3. We inherit the earth - they shall inherit the earth.
- they** – The Pro-noun is emphatic - the sense is: "Blessed are the gentle, for they, and they alone, only they shall inherit the earth"
- 1 Cor. 3:21-23
 - Rev. 20:4-6

4. How Does One Become Gentle?

Test To Know If We Are Growing in Gentleness:

1. Am I Considerate of Others?
2. Sweet Tempered?
3. Humble Minded?
4. Teachable?

5. Vengeful?

6. Uncontrolled?

How to become Gentle:

1. Poor in Spirit: know your condition, that you have nothing to offer God (God's Holiness)

2. Mourn over that condition: (filthy sinner) Does your sin break your heart?

3. See yourself as a sinner: (total dependence on God)

Application:

Jesus quotes in this beatitude from • Psalm 37:11 But the humble will inherit the land; What are the ways of the gentle?

Note what the Gentle Do!

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good;

4 Delight yourself in the LORD;

5 Commit your way to the LORD,

7 Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him;

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;

11 But the humble will inherit the land