

Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 6

“Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.” (Matthew 5:5 KJV)

Meekness is a character and we need to develop meekness in our lives and conducts.

To be a meek person is a power. To be a meek person is to have God's privileges and to have God's presence in your life. The privileges of the meek are the followings:

1. God's provision: “The meek shall eat and be satisfied; they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.” (Psalm 22:26 KJV) As we live as meek and be willing to go with what God is telling to us to do, then the Lord will provide for us, and we shall eat and be satisfied. God will provide for us our needs and He will prepare a table before us in front of our enemies. Let us not focus to intermingle with civilian affairs or any strife, as we humble ourselves and become meek then we will find the provision of God just in front of us. As we become meek God will lead us into his green pasture.

2. God's guidance and God's teaching: “The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.” (Psalm 25:9 KJV) As we live as meek, then God will guide us and He will help us to take the right decision and the right step in life, even in the most critical moment of walking with God. Certain times we don't know what is ahead of us and certain times we cannot see the way out of the troubles that we are in, but the Lord shall help us and lead us out of it as we delight ourselves to be meek.

Meekness will lead us to have the correct decision and placed ourselves in the center of the will of God.

3. God's abundant blessings and abundant peace: “But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.” (Psalm 37:11 KJV) As we behave as meek we will experience abundant blessings and we will pass through great peace even we are externally passing through turmoil. From outside we are hardly press but from inside we will be renewed day by day as Paul said, “For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.” (2 Corinthians 4:16 KJV)

4. God preaches the gospel to the meek: “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.” (Isaiah 61:1 KJV) God will give His good news to the meek because they are receptive to Jesus and to His instructions. As we behave as meek, we will receive always good news, and we will be able to see everything in a positive way and to see all what had happened and all what is happening for our good. When we are humble, not only the good news will be preached to us, but even our broken heart will be bind up and we will be promised liberty and be set free from the things that is entangle us and put us in bondage and restriction.

5. God will give His salvation to the meek: “God's salvation For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.” (Psalm 149:4 KJV) God will adorn and beautify the meek with salvation. Eternal life and salvation will be given to the meek. The meek will not only inherit the earth, but they will have eternal life. Our salvation is a personal thing and it depend on us and on our faith on the work of Jesus on the cross and how we respond to Him.

6. God's promotion and God's lifting up to the meek: “The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.” (Psalm 147:6 KJV) As we are transformed and become meek, the Lord shall lift us up and the Lord shall bring our enemies down. God shall find opportunities for us to be lifted up. That is why we don't need to revenge or to fight back our enemies, God Himself will deal with them.

7. God's vindication for the meek: “But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.” (Isaiah 11:4 KJV) God will prove and affirm the innocence of the meek. You don't need to justify yourself or explain about yourself to convince people, as you continue to be meek, God will vindicate you and will speak on your behalf, as a lawyer who speak good on the behalf of the accused person. The Holy Spirit will speak on your behalf and will vindicate you in the sight of the people of the world.

8. God's deliverance to the meek from troubles and from trouble makers: “When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.” (Psalm 76:9 KJV) God shall arise to save the meek and deliver them from troubles. God will arise to save us and deliver us from our troubles and from those who trouble us. God on His season and perfect will arise and will bring His judgment to save us from our troubles and will grant us deliverance from those who are troubling us.

9. God's joy is given to the meek: “The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.” (Isaiah 29:19 KJV) As we continue to become meek, God will give us joy to continue to serve Him and live our lives for Him. The joy of the Lord will be our strength to go on and persevere in life. Therefore when we become meek, we will receive joy from the Lord that will give us strength to go on and persevere in our walk into the narrow way.

The Lord our God is the Lord who honour meekness, “And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.” (Psalm 45:4 KJV) Our Lord Jesus Christ is meek, and He wants us to take His yoke upon us and learn from Him to be meek, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” (Matthew 11:29 KJV) Our Lord is meek and He wants us to be meek like Him: “Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.” (Matthew 21:5 KJV) Jesus sat on ass and not on horse when He entered Jerusalem. We too need to learn how to humble ourselves and take choices of life which coast us less and spare us much expenses. Ass is cheaper than horse. We learn to walk, ride public transport, avoid taxes, and avoid buying expensive and brand new things and cars. That how we show our meekness and

how to make good choices and correct decisions. People when they work and got salary, you found them getting car with loans, they will take a big loan to purchase a brand new car which is very expensive. If they are meek, they can take a second hand car that can do the purpose and satisfy the needs with fewer expenses and without loan. In the same way we need to prepare ourselves and spend wisely according to the income and our ability. We should not go for expensive things and we should not spend on things that we don't need.

As we come to the Lord, He will take our burden and He will give us rest as He promised, **"28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."** (Matthew 11:28 KJV) As we humble down and become meek like Jesus, the Lord shall take our burden and He will help us in our lives and in our trials and struggles. The Lord shall not only carry our burdens but He shall carry us as well. It is written in the book of Psalm the following: **"Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known."** (Psalm 77:19 KJV) **"Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen."** (Psalm 77:19 NIV) The Lord when He brought His people out of Egypt, He led them through the sea, He was with them in that place where He opened the sea and He let them pass through over the dry ground. Although His footstep was not shown in the ground, but He was walking with them; therefore in the same way, we need to trust God, as we humble ourselves and draw near to Him, He will take our burden and He will help us to overcome our struggles. Therefore as we humble ourselves and become meek, drawing ourselves to Jesus He will help us and He will carry our burden.

The Lord wants us to seek Him, **"Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger."** (Zephaniah 2:3 KJV) Being meek we need to seek the Lord, and in doing that and in walking in His ways, He will spare us and hid us in the day of His anger, and in the day of His judgment. The Lord here is calling the meek to seek the Lord, to seek righteousness and to seek meekness. Even we are meek the Lord is still wants us to seek Him and draw near to Him. God every now and then will send His judgment on the earth to deal with the evil doers and to punish wicked acts therefore we need to keep meekness in our attitudes, decisions and acts. Being meek will eligible us to start to seek the Lord. The proud and the arrogant cannot seek God therefore they will fall in the judgment of God. One more thing we need to understand why we need to be meek all the time, because we don't know which time the Lord will rise up and come with His anger to judge.

Meekness is one of the fruit of the Holy Spirit, **"22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."** (Galatians 5:22-23 KJV) I believe if we are not meek we cannot enjoy joy and peace, and we cannot express love, goodness, gentleness and temperance toward others. Faith and perseverance cannot replace meekness. The fruit of the Holy Spirit are connected to one another, and when one of them is deficient then we are defective in enjoying the privileges of the Holy Spirit fruit and defective in the functioning of what the Holy Spirit provided and what He wants us to do and to be.

Meekness is the makeup that most of the woman miss today, **"3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."** (1 Peter 3:3-4 KJV) Women will be beautiful and attractive to their husband not by the perfume, hair style or their makeup, but by their meekness. Expensive perfume, face painting, and hair painting, will not have the effect on the marital relationship, as the attitude of meekness of the woman in her life and in relationship with her husband.

We prove our meekness by making ourselves of no reputation as Jesus did: taking the form of a servant, willingly taking the infirmities and the limitations of man, humbling ourselves, being obedient up to the point accepting to do the very thing that God asking us to do.

We prove our meekness by willingness to associate with people of low position, by willingness to live simple life, by willingness to go along the plan of God, by willingness to forgive, not to revenge, and not to rejoice when our enemies is afflicted by God; but instead we need to pray for them and to restore them when they repent of their sins.

As we live and behave as meek we receive the privileges of being meek. We will be receiving God's provision, guidance, teaching, the abundant blessings, the abundant peace, the Gospel of Jesus, the salvation of God, God's lifting up, God's deliverance and the abundant joy.

We need to be meek and we need to exercise meekness in dealing with relationships in life and in dealing with issues and people in the ministry. Apostle Paul was appealing to the Corinthians to respond to his appeal with the same meekness and gentleness of Christ, **"Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you."** (2 Corinthians 10:1 KJV) Paul was telling them in person he is base among them but in letter he is bold, and he was appealing to them with the gentleness and meekness of Christ. We need to appeal to the people with the gentleness and meekness of Christ.

But Paul was having in addition to meekness, sternness, being able to go to the people with a rod, or in love and the spirit of meekness. He was telling the Corinthians how they need him to go to them whether with rod or in the spirit of meekness: **"What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?"** (1 Corinthians 4:21 KJV) We need to have both in our personality and we need to use them wisely and in accordance to what the Holy Spirit is leading us to do. We should not allow anger, un-forgiveness, revenge or retaliation to manipulate our decisions and attitudes.

Meekness needed to restore a brother who was caught in a fault; we need to use meekness in doing that, **"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."** (Galatians 6:1 KJV) A person who is caught in fault is not a reason for him to be destroyed and unduly punished. Things needed to be explained to him and expounded according to the will of God and what the Scriptures speaks so he will be

enlightened and understand and will be able to recover out of that particular fault and return back to the right way of life.

In meekness we need to instruct those who oppose us: ***“In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.” (2 Timothy 2:25 KJV)*** What Paul wrote here that those who oppose us they are actually opposing themselves, ***“In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves.”*** *I am not saying that we need to change the instructions, but we need to deliver the instruction in a meek attitude. The same instructions that we give in humility and meekness will have more effect than when we instruct the people in anger and in arrogance and in pride.* The Bible says soft tongue break the bone, ***“By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.” (Proverbs 25:15 KJV)*** *Usually a metal hammer used to break a bone. But here it says that a soft tongue will break the bone. If you instruct people just because you are angry to them, or you want to put them down then your instruction will be of bad effect.*

Even when we are called to speak and to defend ourselves, we need to speak in meekness, so that what we would be speaking will be having more effects on our enemies and those who hate us. The effects of meekness may not be at once evident, but later on, it will have a better and lasting good effects: ***“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.” (1 Peter 3:15 KJV)***

Humility and meekness is needed to temper our relationship with the brethren, and that is how we can express our love to one another, ***“With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love.” (Ephesians 4:2 KJV)*** *Even to those who are bad to us, we are called not to speak bad against them, but to be gentle and show meekness:* ***“To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.” (Titus 3:2 KJV)***

Why certain people cannot express weakness in their attitude, actions, and the way they speak?

- A. Because they have pride, that is why they are arrogance, showing off and boastful.
- B. Because they have anger toward the people, and they want to revenge and retaliate.
- C. Because they are jealous and they have envy.
- D. Because they are worldly and want to enjoy the lust of the flesh.

Meekness and the rest of the fruit of the Holy Spirit is what will differentiate us from others who do not follow Christ, ***“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering.” (Colossians 3:12 KJV)***

Meekness in our attitude and behavior is the prove that we accepted the Word of God in our lives, ***“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.” (James 1:21 KJV)*** *Meekness will make us accept the Word of God that will bring salvation into our lives.* The Word of God when people accept will bring salvation into their lives. *Why*

certain people cannot accept the Word of God that we preach to them, while even they know that what is said to them correct and true? Because they are not meek so they fail to receive and accept the Word of God because they cannot humble down.

Paul instructed Timothy to flee from the love of money and the rest of temptations over material things, ***“6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” (1 Timothy 6:6-10 KJV)*** Paul also advised Timothy to pursue the fruit of the Holy Spirit, the fruit of righteousness, Godliness, faith, love and meekness, ***“But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.” (1 Timothy 6:11 KJV)*** *Meekness is the prove that we had escaped temptations, sins and unrighteousness and had come to the light of God’s Word and will.*

Meekness and the works that meekness produced in our lives is prove that we had received and adopted the wisdom of God in our lives, ***“Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.” (James 3:13 KJV)***

My dear and beloved: We in the same way let us follow our Lord Jesus Christ and His Word that we learn from this message. Let us prove our meekness by making ourselves of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, willingly taking the infirmities and the limitations of man, humbling ourselves, being obedient up to the point accepting to do what God is asking us to do. In this way we will be going to receive all the privileges that God had promised to the meek: We will be receiving God’s provision, guidance, teaching, the abundant blessings, the abundant peace, the Gospel of Jesus, the salvation of God, God’s lifting up, God’s deliverance and the abundant joy.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death on the third day to give me eternal life.*

Lord forgives me my sins _____.

Let us confess and renounce our sins to the Lord. Let us confess and renounce all our pride and arrogance and all our non willingness to humble down before God and become meek.

Lord I thank you for your clear Word to me that explains to me how to be meek and the privileges that you are going to give me when I am meek. Lord I am willing to follow your teaching and how to apply your Word that I learned from this message

Lord makes my life testimony pleasant to you and makes me a good example to others that they can see clearly my meekness and my willingness to follow your example and your ways. Lord protects me and provides all my needs. Lord deal with all the enemies who are opposing me. Lord fills me with the Holy Spirit and give me the spiritual gifts

that I need in my life to go on to preach the gospel of Jesus and to teach others who are in need of your Word. Lord gives me a steadfast heart to go on and serve you.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who had humble themselves before you; Lord protect them and provide all their needs. Lord fills them once again with the Holy Spirit and the wisdom of yours so they can go and do what you asked from them to do. Lord makes their life testimony attractive to others so that they will believe in you and start to follow you and live according to your Word.

Lord I pray for us as a church to help us to go on in serving you and do your work and your will. Lord let your Word for us today on this message change us, and make us the meek people of yours that you want us to be, so others can see you through our lives. Lord enables to act and interact with others with humility and the wisdom that we receive from you. Lord enables us to evangelize and to reach new people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with the Word of God. Lord we pray that you will enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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