

**“THE BEATITUDE SERIES”**

Delivered to **DANVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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The church has been instituted and gathered on a mountain in Galilee.

**Mt. 5:5**

**Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.**

**Note:** We have noted the paradox in each line. This one is no different.

**Some say nice guy finishes last.**

In the Kingdom – Ironically - **The first shall be last and the last first.** (Paraphrase Mt. 19)

**Blessed *are* the meek:** in Matthew 5

Is from **Ps. 37:11**

**<sup>11</sup> But the meek shall inherit the earth**

**It is an over looked virtue for sure.**

**Meek is difficult to define in Heb. Greek or Eng.**

**But it includes freedom from pretension.** *The unwarranted assumption that one is deserving of merit, or behavior indicative of such an assumption;* (Free Dictionary)

Seems to be opposite if grace or undeserving. One that does things and desires vainglory.

**Webster's 1828** edition can be summed up as: 1. quietness of spirit and 2. humility of soul.

These two definitions show that meekness is more of an inward sense rather than an outward display. Gentleness is an outward calmness, whereas meekness is inward calmness.

One of the treasures of the 1828 Webster's is the final sentence in the segment on the definition of "meekness." It says, "Meekness is a grace which Jesus alone inculcated, and which no ancient philosopher seems to have understood or recommended."

**In the virtues of a wife: 1 Peter says *even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.***

**An overlooked and undervalued quality. In women or wives but especially in men.**

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Let's us not overlook this virtue:

**Blessed are they that weep/mourn = Jesus wept.**

**Blessed are the meek** = Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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.

**The third beatitude is of a higher order than the other two.**

The first two show deficiency - and this one show something added.

What? A proof of Salvation (it is administered by the H.S.)

The first two (poor and mourn) are elements of repentance, yet meek is willing to conform.

..for they shall inherit the earth.

Closely related to:

For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, **and of that which is to come**

I like good neighbors. It makes for a peace existence!  
In this sense the meek shall inherit the earth.

May be read, "**they shall inherit the land,**" that is, the promised land, the heavenly Canaan.

All meek-spirited.

The New Jerusalem shall come down out of heaven from God in all her glory.

But this must be the work of grace. We must be born again, or our spirits will never be meek.

**Note:** The Sermon on the Mount is demanding; we must, to be successful, meet the demand.