

Blessed Are The Meek

Series: Sermon on the Mount

Mat 5:5 ESV "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth..(meek small earth great)

Jesus is meek and he calls us to COME [follow me], TAKE [intentional] and LEARN [by doing/practice]

- Mat 11:28-30 ESV **Come to me**, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 **Take my yoke** upon you, and **learn from me**, for I am **gentle [meek]** and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Meekness = Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey - not self-promoting, trusting the Father at death

- Mat 21:4-5 ESV This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 5 "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, **humble, and mounted on a donkey**, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

Matt 5:5 meek shall inherit the earth - a REMEZ would remind people of Ps 37:1-11

"Remez" = alluding to a larger text or context by quoting a small portion of it. (God so loved the world...)

Krysti Ps 37:1-11 - These verses is summarized in v 9-11 → **To be meek we must see the end of the matter**

- Ps 37:9 For the **evildoers shall be cut off**, but **those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land**. 10 In just a little while, the **wicked will be no more**; though you look carefully at his place, **he will not be there**. 11 But **the meek shall inherit the land** and delight themselves in abundant peace.

A long range view of reality enables us to rise above emotional responses and exercise meekness

- Ps 37:1 **Fret not** yourself because of evildoers; **be not envious** of wrongdoers! 2 **For they will soon fade like the grass** and wither like the green herb.
- Ps 37:7b **fret not** yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! 8 **Refrain from anger**, and **forsake wrath!** **Fret not** yourself; **it tends only to evil**.
- **FRET to be hot, blaze up ... ENVOIOUS jealous ... REFRAIN from ANGER and FORSAKE WRATH**

What are we to do instead? These perhaps define meekness (think of Jesus on the donkey)

Ps 37:3 **Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land** and befriend faithfulness.

- Let God be in control - but actively do good (heart and hand) → he'll take care of the rest

Ps 37:4 **Delight yourself in the LORD**, and he will **give you [put or make]** the desires of your heart.

- When we delight in the LORD He changes the desires of our hearts to align to His
- We begin to think about the world around us with the perspective Jesus would have

Ps 37:5 **Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him**, and he will act. 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

- Commit or roll your path onto the Lord → He will act
- Placing your entire being and the course of your life and the burdens you carry into God's hands.

Ps 37:7 **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently** for him;

- To "turn down" the noise of the world in order to be attuned to God's voice → wait with patience

Ps 37:11 **But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.**

- Do you believe that God is in control and in the end you will inherit the earth (new heaven and earth)
- If so, can you set your heart to Look at life with eternal perspective
- Are you willing to TRUST the Lord and simply do good- **Knowing He is in control?**
- Are you willing to DELIGHT in the Lord - **Knowing he can change our heart?**
- Are you willing to COMMIT to the Lord - roll your path onto the Lord? **Trusting that He will Act?**
- Are you willing to WAIT on the Lord with patience -- **Knowing his timing is perfect?**
- This is the path toward meekness, and the meek will inherit the earth