

**The Beatitudes**  
**Blessed Are the Meek**  
**Matthew 5:4**

**Introduction**

We are continuing our series on the teachings of Jesus with the third beatitude, 'Blessed are the meek. The teachings of Jesus are a real paradox compared to our human wisdom and thought patterns. Jesus seems to turn everything upside down. He says:

- The last shall be first.
- It's better to give than to receive.
- To die is to live.
- To lose is to find.
- To be rich, you must be poor.
- To be strong, you must be weak.
- To rule, you must serve.

1. Life in the Kingdom of Heaven is very different from life in this \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The people who listened to Jesus give these teachings wanted a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus' response is John 18:36, 'My kingdom is not of this world, but is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of men.'
4. What kind of meek and mild followers will make a \_\_\_\_\_ in a culture that promotes power and might as the key to true success.

**I. The Meek**

5. Meekness is not \_\_\_\_\_ or indecisiveness.
6. The Greek word for meekness means 'to be gentle and \_\_\_\_\_, considerate, and courteous.'

7. Meekness is power under \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Paul describes it in the life of Christ as self-emptying, humility, and brokenness before God to accomplish God's ultimate \_\_\_\_\_.
9. In a spiritual sense, it is having everything even though you possess \_\_\_\_\_. In a literal sense, it is having nothing even though you possess \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The Discovery Bible says that meekness is the \_\_\_\_\_ of one who has the passion of resentment under control, and who is therefore tranquil and untroubled.
11. Meekness influences our \_\_\_\_\_ about life.
12. When the Holy Spirit convicts and challenges us, \_\_\_\_\_ will cause us to accept it and do something about it.

## **II. The Inheritance**

13. The Bible commends those who truly provide an \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Psalm 2:8, "Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the \_\_\_\_\_ *for* Your possession."
15. The apostle Paul described Jesus as the one "whom [God] appointed \_\_\_\_\_ of all things." (Hebrews 1:2)
16. God created the earth for a specific \_\_\_\_\_.
17. God's purpose for the earth is to be our eternal \_\_\_\_\_ and His headquarters.

18. Psalm 105:8 says, "He remembers His covenant \_\_\_\_\_, The word *which* He commanded, for a thousand generations." (Psalms 105:8 NKJV)
19. God is always faithful to his \_\_\_\_\_.
20. In the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_!
21. Those who have chosen \_\_\_\_\_ in the Kingdom of Heaven will inherit the New Heavens and the New Earth.
22. God has a special blessing of inheritance for you if you act in \_\_\_\_\_ instead of reacting to your circumstances.

### III. The Blessing

23. The blessing begins with yielding your \_\_\_\_\_ to the will of God.
24. The blessing of meekness keeps us from giving in to \_\_\_\_\_ in our attitudes and behaviours.
25. The meek know they need help and are quick to acknowledge and \_\_\_\_\_ God's guidance and supervision.
26. The meek have a unique ability to see life from a broader perspective and find it easier to trust God's \_\_\_\_\_ in things.
27. The blessing of the meek is that they are \_\_\_\_\_, self-giving, and self-sacrificing.
28. It is the meek who really have learned to \_\_\_\_\_ God and His Creation
29. For the meek the burden of work is transformed into a labour of \_\_\_\_\_.

30. The meek enjoy the blessing of not needing to try to \_\_\_\_\_ others.

31. The meek live under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit. It is reflected in their discipline, in their gentleness, and in their obedient submission to God's will.

## Conclusion

32. Jesus teaching on being meek is not just good \_\_\_\_\_ advice. It is a quality of character present only among those who recognize their complete lack of resource apart from the divine presence of God.

33. The kind of meekness Christ teaches about is the kind that acknowledges \_\_\_\_\_ as the source of every blessing and the supplier of every need.

The meek Jesus is talking about are faithful stewards. They know nothing in this life belongs to them. They see themselves as the stewards of what God owns. And they feel blessed to serve Him!

## ANSWERS

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|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1. World                  | 16. Purpose      | 32. Moral |
| 2. Change                 | 17. Home         | 33. God   |
| 3. Hearts                 | 18. Forever      |           |
| 4. Difference             | 19. Word         |           |
| 5. Weakness               | 20. King         |           |
| 6. Humble                 | 21. Citizenship  |           |
| 7. Control                | 22. Faith        |           |
| 8. Purpose                | 23. Will         |           |
| 9. Nothing,<br>everything | 24. Extremes     |           |
| 10. Character             | 25. Accept       |           |
| 11. Attitudes             | 26. Timing       |           |
| 12. Meekness              | 27. Approachable |           |
| 13. Inheritance           | 28. Enjoy        |           |
| 14. Earth                 | 29. Love         |           |
| 15. Heir                  | 30. Impress      |           |
|                           | 31. Control      |           |