

# BLESSED ARE THE MEEK FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH

(MATTHEW 5 V 5)

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• The quiet, unpretending, contented servant of God gets more true blessedness out of the earth, and so more truly possesses it, than the ungodly, though they be lords of broad acres. (Ellicott's commentary)





- Norse word 'mjukr' meaning "soft" and "mild"
- American dictionary: to be meek is to be quiet and unwilling to disagree or fight or strongly support personal ideas and opinions
- Matthew II v 29 describes Jesus as "meek and lowly in heart"



- Gentle Jesus meek and mild, look upon a little child, pity my simplicity, suffer me to come to Thee
- Loving Jesus, gentle Lamb, in thy gracious hands I am; make me Saviour what Thou art; live Thyself within my heart
- Lamb of God I look to Thee, Thou shalt my example be; Thou are gentle, meek and mild; Thou was once a little child
- I shall then show forth Thy praise, serve thee all my happy days; then the world shall always see Christ, the holy child in me



- Meekness is strength under control
- Meekness is power under God's control
- Meekness is strength controlled by love



- I. The meek have self control
- 2. The meek are humble and teachable
- 3. The meek are bold
- 4. The meek forgive
- 5. The meek say "I'm sorry"
- 6. The meek are confident
- 7. The meek serve others
- 8. The meek have the Spirit with them











Take me to that higher place, where eagles soar above the earth

Let me see the world through your eyes, my heart captured by your word

There I run and know no weariness; I leave my sadness and my barrenness

And fly with you, my hope renewed, to the place of my inheritance



The Zealots wanted a military Messiah

The Pharisees wanted a miraculous Messiah

The Sadducees wanted a materialistic Messiah



- "Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light" (Col 1 v 12)
- Do you feel ill-equipped for the challenges ahead of you?
- Do you feel under-resourced?
- Do you feel unprepared?
- Do you feel you're not talented enough?
- Do you feel like you're always second best?

#### ... God the Father has qualified you ...



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Gentleness and kind persuasion win where force and bluster fail



