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## Meekness Pt 1 The God of scripture– loves the meek

This is the beginning of a new study on the topic of meekness. First we will look at the meaning of the word meekness. Then we will cover three points– (i) God loves the meek, (ii) the meek are blessed, and (iii) seek the Lord all ye meek of the earth. There are 29 occurrences of the word meek.

### 1. God loves the meek

“The meek will he guide in judgment...” (Ps.25: 9).

### 2. The meek are blessed

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

The meek shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace– Ps.37: 11– “But the meek shall...delight themselves in the abundance of peace”.

The meek shall inherit the earth– Ps.37:11– “But the meek shall inherit the earth...”

### 3. Seek the Lord all ye meek of the earth, seek meekness

“Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness...” (Zeph.2: 3).

Yet– Israel turned aside the way of the meek– therefore God would not turn away his punishment– (Amos 2: 6 & 7).

#### Illustration

Muhammad Ali was the opposite of Moses – who was very meek.

Is it mentioned of Mohammad in the Qur’an that he was meek, or very meek?

Buddhist monks are one that come across as meek, but are they like Moses?

IF all worldly religions worship the same God – where are examples of men from those religions, that are similar to Moses – very meek?

#### Question of the scriptures

When we consider a monk or even a Hari Krishna they can appear to be meek and lowly, so why are they not loved of the Lord? Why are they not blessed of God?

#### Answers from the scripture

If they were meek in the biblical sense they would–

a) have a tender heart before God (the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ), and His people when they fall– 2 Kgs22: 19– “Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the Lord, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the Lord”– CF– 1 Cor.4: 21– “What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and [in] the spirit of meekness?”

b) Seek the LORD, and not false gods– Zeph 2:3– “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”.

Let us remember that meekness is not just gentleness, lowliness and humility of mind, but it is exhibiting those qualities before our God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our brethren. Next week we consider how we can be meek before God!