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Meekness Pt 2 Jesus was meek as we to be to our brethren

This is the second & final study on the topic of meekness. Last week we established the meaning of meekness and three points– (i) God loves the meek, (ii) the meek are blessed, (iii) seek the Lord all ye meek of the earth. There are 29 occurrences of the word meek. This week we establish three points– (i) we are to take Christ's yoke, and learn from him for He is meek and lovely in heart, (ii) the Lord Jesus was King and He came in meekness, and (iii) let us show meekness to our brethren.

It is from our search of the scriptures that we establish our three points–

1. The Lord Jesus was foretold to preach good tidings unto the meek

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound” (Is.61: 1).

2. The Lord Jesus was King and He came in meekness

“Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass” (Matt.21: 5).

3. Let us show meekness to our brethren. How? We are to–

* restore a brother who is overtaken in a fault– in the spirit of meekness

“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted” (Gal.6: 1).

Illustration

The Lord Jesus Christ and Moses were very meek, but both had to deal with sin in Israel. Both spoke out against sin, both rebuked those who encouraged others to sin and doing so in all meekness. Street preaching and evangelism has many challenges, and one of the most profound– is to conduct one–self in meekness. Especially when confronted with a heretic who picks an argument and before you know it, you're in the middle of, not just a discussion, but a contentious, loud debate. Not a good look!

Question of the scriptures

i) How do we show meekness to those who err? ii) What is the value of meekness?

Answers from the scripture

i) We do not, it is the Holy Spirit that bears fruit of meekness in us

[22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

[23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. (Gal 5: 22, 23).

DO NOT try and bear the fruit, you will fail. But rather examine yourself and repent from sin that quenches the Spirit from bearing the fruit of meekness in you!

We lean toward meekness to those who err, when we instruct them– without variance (debate), pride, hatred, or strife (contention), for these are works of the flesh.

ii) Of great price is a man with a meek and quiet spirit– 1 Pet.3: 4– “But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price”.

Let us remember that meekness is not a trait that comes naturally, not one that we can work on attaining, but rather it is one that only the Spirit of God can bear in us.