



**Sunday, October 24, 2010: Blessed are the Meek**

**Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 5:5**

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**Sermon Notes:**

1. Our culture seeks unbridled power, power for its own sake.
2. Domination replaces Godly dominion where a sadistic urge warps the biblical mandate to rule over the earth.
3. In Isaiah 11 we read about the power of the Messiah King, giving us of a vision of righteousness and peace under a reign of liberty and truth.
4. Through the Early Church, the message of the compassion of God in Christ moves into a Roman world dominated by the lust for power.
5. God sends a bridled army of the mighty meek into the earth to do His work.
6. Meekness has connotations today which are not biblical. Biblically, meekness is not weakness, but a lack of pretense, a lack of pride.
7. The world's idea of inheriting the earth is to assert yourself, to be self-assured – use forcefulness, violence and power to foist your agenda on others.
8. Abraham willingly surrendered to God's call in his life.
9. Moses was described as the meekest man on the earth.
10. David was meek, allowing God's purposes and timing to prevail.
11. Paul described himself as the least of the apostles.
12. Jesus submitted Himself of His own accord to humiliation and death. Jesus didn't rail against accusation or demand His rights.
13. The Meek are the strong in the Lord, broken by God to be harnessed for God's use. Meekness is the opposite of unbridled anger.
14. Meekness is an unnatural attribute wrought by the Spirit of God.
15. Yet meekness does not mean 'never be angry'. The Spirit of the Lord in Scripture makes people angry. Saul was moved to Godly

anger before battle; the Spirit of the Lord came upon Sampson; the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jesus when He cleansed the temple.

16. Meekness is a virtue born of strength of character. It is those tamed by God who will inherit the earth.
17. The meek person doesn't wallow in self-pity. They're not overly sensitive about themselves. No one can harm you in any way.
18. If you're already down, humble before the Lord, then you can leave your reputation before the Lord.
19. The meek are not obsessed with defending themselves. God has the appropriate means and timing to bring about justice.
20. In Jesus all things are ours – we inherit all things (Romans 8:32, 1 Corinthians 3:21).
21. In surrendering to Christ, we're continually satisfied in God.
22. All things are ours in Christ. As the Puritans said, we're to assert the crown rights of King Jesus.

**Application Questions:**

1. What is meekness according to the Bible? Give examples.
2. Am I compliant with the calling of the saints to be broken, harnessed, usable to God in His government?
3. How does a Christian show wisdom according to James 3:13-18?
4. How do I respond if another person tells me I'm proud, arrogant?
5. Has the Lord worked in me so I can rejoice in accomplishing great things, but I'm equally glad if another has accomplished the same thing?
6. Do I wallow in self-pity absorbed with self-consciousness?
7. Am I always jumping to my own defense? Am I absorbed primarily with pleasing others?
8. What does Matthew 5:5 mean by "inherit the earth"?
9. What kind of strength is required by the meek in 1 Corinthians 6:1-5?
10. What does it mean to assert the crown rights of King Jesus?