

A scenic landscape at sunset. In the foreground, a large, leafy tree stands on the right, with its branches silhouetted against the bright sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a starburst effect through the tree's leaves. The middle ground shows a city skyline with various buildings and domes, partially obscured by a layer of haze or mist. The background is a vast, open landscape with rolling hills and a clear sky. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by yellows, oranges, and blues.

Blessed Are the Meek

THE BEATITUDES (3)

1. Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.
2. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:
3. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
5. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
6. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Matthew 5:1-6

7. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
9. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
10. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
12. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:7-12

The Beatitudes were never meant to be interpreted as being a pathway to salvation or a list of things that a person must do to be a Christian. They are to be seen as a mark of the Christian character for those who have been born-again, a distinctive mark of those who now have the Kingdom of God within. These are outworked in our lives as we follow Christ.

The Third Beatitude

Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Meek = praus from the Greek

... means primarily to be gentle, humble & mild.

Verse 5 (Amplified Bible) = mild, patient, long-suffering.

But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.

Psalm 37:11

For those who ABIDE in the Lord, will REST in Him.
They will wait patiently for Him and HIS justice will vindicate them and set them free.

In meekness there is weakness.
We need to understand our weakness
in order to walk in meekness.

Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle
and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:29

What does the power of meekness look like?

But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness.

Galatians 5:22 (Amplified Bible)

54. And when His disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do You want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”

55. But He turned and rebuked them.

Luke 9:54-55

But Elijah answered the captain of fifty, “If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty.” Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

2 Kings 1:10

1. ... walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
 2. with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.
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Ephesians 4:1b-2

For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

Matthew 24:24

A man without self-control is like a city
broken into and left without walls.

Proverbs 25:28

Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty,
and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

Proverbs 16:32

Meekness is power under control

Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman.

Numbers 12:1

Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth.

Numbers 12:3

And suddenly the LORD said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, “Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting.” And the three of them came out.

Numbers 12:4

What does the power of meekness look like?

**Meekness is resting in the Lord
and waiting patiently for Him.**

1. God, listen to my complaint. Protect my life from my enemies' threats.
2. Hide me from the plots of this evil mob, from this gang of wrongdoers.
3. They sharpen their tongues like swords and aim their bitter words like arrows.
4. They shoot from ambush at the innocent, attacking suddenly and fearlessly.
5. They encourage each other to do evil and plan how to set their traps in secret. "Who will ever notice?" they ask.

Psalm 64: 1-5

6. As they plot their crimes, they say, “We have devised the perfect plan!”
Yes, the human heart and mind are cunning.
7. But God himself will shoot them with his arrows, suddenly striking them down.
8. Their own tongues will ruin them, and all who see them will shake their heads in scorn.
9. Then everyone will be afraid; they will proclaim the mighty acts of God and realise all the amazing things He does.
10. The godly will rejoice in the Lord and find shelter in Him. And those who do what is right will praise Him.

Psalm 64: 6-10

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his
way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

Psalm 37:7

... but those who wait for the
LORD shall inherit the land.

Psalms 37:9 (b)

What does the power of meekness look like?

Meekness is being humble & long-suffering

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1

8. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.
 9. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
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2 Corinthians 12:8-9

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

... in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

... strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, [to exercise] every kind of endurance and patience (perseverance and forbearance) with joy.

Colossians 1:11 (Amplified Bible)

... according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man.

Ephesians 3:16

21. For Christ also suffered for you, leaving you [His personal] example, so that you should follow in His footsteps.
22. He was guilty of no sin, neither was deceit (guile) ever found on His lips.
23. When He was reviled and insulted, He did not revile or offer insult in return; [when] He was abused and suffered, He made no threats [of vengeance]; but he trusted [Himself and everything] to Him Who judges fairly.

1 Peter 2:21 -23 (Amplified Bible)

51. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.
52. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.
53. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and He will at once send Me more than twelve legions of angels?

Matthew 26:51-53

What does the power of meekness look like?

Meekness is surrendering to God's perfect will, purpose and plan for your life.

... we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:5

For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.

2 Chronicles 16:9

Meekness in our lives means walking in HIS power not our own.

- * In meekness, there IS weakness**
- * It is the weakness that the world scorns and despises**
- * Meekness is power under control**
- * It is power that produces in us gentleness and a humble heart**
- * Meekness is a work that is carried out in us by His presence which grows in us patience, even-temper and forbearance**
- * Meekness is resting in the Lord and waiting patiently for Him**

- * Meekness is when we refrain from revenge and defensiveness
- * Meekness means we are humble and long-suffering
- * Meekness is Power perfected in our weakness. In our weakness we are strengthened with all power
- * Meekness us surrendering to God's perfect will, purpose and plan for your life
- * Meekness in our lives means walking in His power ... for His glory

Clothe yourselves therefore, as God's own chosen ones (His own picked representatives), [who are] purified and holy and well-beloved [by God Himself, by putting on behavior marked by] tenderhearted pity and mercy, kind feeling, a lowly opinion of yourselves, gentle ways, [and] patience [which is tireless and long-suffering, and has the power to endure whatever comes, with good temper].

Colossians 3:12 (Amplified Bible)