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Lecture III

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THE GREATEST SERMON EVER PREACHED
Matthew Chapter 5

- **Matthew 5:5 (KJV)**

⁵ *“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”*

“Happy are the Meek”

Often we speak of meekness, we think of weakness. But true meekness is not weakness. The word “meek” comes from the Greek word “**praus**” which means gentleness, considerate and courteous. It is linked with and cannot be separated from lowliness. Jesus refers to Himself as Meek and Lowly.

- **Matthew 11:28-29 (KJV)**

²⁸ *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

- **2nd Corinthians 10:1(KJV)**

10 “Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:”

The Apostle Paul tells us that meekness and lowliness are the characters of walking worthy of our relationship with Jesus Christ.

- **Ephesians 4:1-2 (KJV)**

4 “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,” ² With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Can you put your enemy in the hands of the Lord? It takes a strong person to let God handle their enemy.

Meekness is a true view of one’s self, expressing itself in attitude and conduct with respect to others. The person who is meek truly understands that God is Sovereign Lord and Ruler of the universe. God is in control. God is not going to let the enemy harm His children.

Do you believe **Isaiah 54:17 (KJV)**?

¹⁷ *“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.”*

Jesus is saying in this beatitude that you should have enough self-confidence, self-respect and self-assurance of your relationship with Jesus Christ to know that you have not lost; they (enemy) have lost your love and friendship. You have the victory; less headaches and no more disappointments from that person. You can only be disappointed when you have expectations of them. Jesus assures us of the victory. How do you know you have the victory?

You know you have the victory because of the promise. **“They shall inherit the earth.”**

- **Psalm 37:1-5; 11 (KJV)**

³⁷ *“Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. ² For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.*

³ *Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.*

⁴ *Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*

⁵ *Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.”*

¹¹ *But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.*

When we do it God’s way, the Bible assures us that **ALL** things are ours.

- **1st Corinthians 3:21-22 (KJV)**

²¹ *Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are your's; ²² Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are your's;*

- **Psalm 22:26 (KJV)**

²⁶ *The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.*

BEATITUDE #4

“Happy are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness.”

This beatitude speaks of an intense desire for righteousness. The word “righteousness” comes from the Greek word “**diakosune**” which means to “set correct.” Righteousness has at least three aspects in the Bible: legal, moral and social.

1. Legal righteousness has to do with a right relationship with God.

- **Romans 10:3-9 (KJV)**

³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. ⁵ For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) ⁷ Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) ⁸ But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; ⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

- **Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV)**

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

The purpose of the law is to show us how guilty we are and that we stand in the need of God's grace. It points out our sins and shows us that it is impossible to please God by obeying all the laws completely. We are to depend on our faith in Christ alone for our salvation.

As saved persons we strive to live according to the law so that people might see Christ in us.

- **Galatians 3:24-25 (KJV)**

²⁴ Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

2. Moral righteousness is the righteousness of character and conduct which pleases God. We want to live morally and ethically right in the sight of God before others. We conform to rules and observe the law to be the witness and representative of our Christ Jesus who has saved us.

3. Social righteousness has to do with a sincere concern for liberation from oppression, promotion of civil rights, justice in the court of law, integrity in business dealings and honor in our homes and with our family.

What this beatitude says is that many persons practice the formalities of their religious faith, but shun from the basic principles which are to govern their attitudes and their actions. They role-play in the church, but fail to truly commit themselves to the Christian task given us by Christ.

We are to not only have a right relationship with God; but, also a right relationship with one another. Righteousness is both being and doing.

- **Matthew 23:23 (KJV)**

²³ Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

When we hunger and thirst after righteousness, we will seek to live right before our God, and also do right before our fellowman. We will try to set correct injustices, unfairness and discrimination.

The Promise: “They shall be filled.”

- Filled with the peace of God which surpasseth all understanding
- Filled with the goodness and mercy of God until your cup runneth over.
- Filled with praise and thanksgiving to an awesome God.

