

Doctrine of Meekness

1. The psalmist prays for the LORD to ride majestically upon truth and meekness and righteousness.

- *Psalms 45:4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.*

Special Note.

“Truth will be ridiculed, meekness will be oppressed, and righteousness slain, unless the God, the Man in whom these precious things are incarnated, shall arise for their vindication. Our earnest petition ought ever to be that Jesus would lay his almighty arm to the work of grace lest the good cause languish and wickedness prevail” (Charles Spurgeon).

2. Those who are meek in spirit should seek the Lord.

- *Zephaniah 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.*

3. Sometimes a meek spirit is to be set aside in righteous indignation as Paul warned the church at Corinth. The apostle invited the Corinthians to make the choice as to what his spirit was to be when he visited with them.

- *1 Corinthians 4:19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power. 20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. What will ye? Shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?*

4. Christians are to exhort one another by the “meekness and gentleness of Christ.”

- *2 Corinthians 10:1 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:*

5. Christians are to manifest meekness, which is the fruit of the Spirit.

- *Galatians 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

6. When correcting someone who has sinned, gentleness and meekness is to be exercised.

- *Galatians 6:1 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.*

7. Christians are exhorted to treat one another at all times with a spirit of meekness.

- *Ephesians 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love.*

8. The life of a Christian is to be “clothed” with meekness.

- *Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering.*

9. A life of meekness is to be pursued, especially for spiritual leaders.

- *1 Timothy 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.*

10. Those that are obstinate in their sin are still to be instructed with meekness.

- *2 Timothy 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.*

11. Speaking evil of no one will help cultivate a spirit of meekness which is to be shown.

- *Titus 3:2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.*

12. Spiritual instruction and correction is to be received with a spirit of meekness.

- *James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.*

13. Spiritual meekness is a sign of a wise person who is endowed with gospel knowledge.

- *James 3:13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.*

14. How is it possible to display gospel meekness and godly fear? The answer is to “sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.”

- *1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*