

Doctrine of Meekness

1. The word meek (Greek, praus; prah-ooce') refers to the mild man, and by implication, someone who is humble.
2. Meekness does not mean weakness. Sometimes, those who are strong have a fundamental contempt for those who are meek in the Lord and move to oppress them, to their own peril.
 - *Amos 2:6 Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes; 7 That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, to profane my holy name:*
3. It was prophesied that the Messiah would come to Israel in a meek way.
 - *Isaiah 61:1 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;*
 - *Matthew 21:4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, 5 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.*
4. Jesus was meek and spoke of Himself in this way.
 - *Matthew 11:28 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.*
5. Moses was a meek man.
 - *Numbers 12:3 (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)*
6. The mature believer is characterized by meekness. Christian women are exhorted to be adorned with a meek and quiet spirit, in part, in order to be an effective witness.
 - *1 Peter 3:3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 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.*
7. There are spiritual blessings that await those who are meek.
 - *Spiritual fellowship with the Lord. Psalm 22:26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.*

- Divine guidance. *Psalms 25:9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.*
- The meek shall inherit the earth.

Psalms 37:11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Special Note.

In what sense do the meek inherit the earth?

First, the meek inherit the earth in the sense of prophesy being fulfilled. God promised Israel a land which the nation possessed until it was lost through disobedience. *Joshua 21:43 And the Lord gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein.*

Second, the meek shall inherit the earth extensively when Jesus returns the second time for all who believe. Then there will be new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. *2 Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*

- The meek shall know the salvation of God. *Psalms 76:9 When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.*
- The shall be lifted up in honor. *Psalms 147:6 The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.*
- The Lord will move to protect the meek. *Isaiah 11:4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.*

8. A spirit of meekness pleases the Lord.

- *Psalms 149:4 For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.*

9. Those who are meek shall know abundant joy in the Lord.

- *Isaiah 29:19 The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.*

10. The virtue of meekness is to be sought.

- *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.*

11. Jesus will teach His disciples meekness.

- *Matthew 11:29 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.*