

MEEKNESS IS NOT WEAKNESS!

Most people today when they think of the word meek think of someone who is weak or wimpy; someone who gets sand kicked in his face by the bully when he's at the beach. Webster's Dictionary defines meek as 'timid, modest, or submissive.' This seems to suggest that someone who is meek can be easily pushed around.

When we look at the word as it is used in the Bible we get a completely different picture of meekness. In MT. 11:29; Jesus refers to himself as '*meek and mild.*' In Num. 12:3; it is said of Moses that he was '*very meek more than all men who were on the face of the earth.*' The word translated 'meek' in the O.T. is defined as 'self-submitting.' In the N. T. it goes one step further, 'meek' is that temper of a man's spirit in which he accepts God's dealings with him as good and therefore he does not dispute or resist Him. We do not fight against God if we are meek, because we are submitted to God's control.

In the following verses, which describe the blessing that belong to the meek, I am going to substitute 'God-controlled' for meek.

Psalm 25:9; "*The God-controlled, He (God) guides in justice, and the God-controlled, He teaches His way.*" God desires us to be submitted unto Him so He can guide and teach us in the things we need to know about Him and His way.

Psalms 22:26; "*The God-controlled shall eat and be satisfied.*" The only way man can be satisfied in this life is to be submitted to God in a spirit of meekness.

Isa. 29:19; "*The God-controlled shall increase their joy in the Lord.*" Drawing closer to God through meekness brings joy. "*The joy of the Lord is your strength.*"

Neh. 8:10 joy is literally translated 'You have strength because you are joined to the Lord.'

Psalm 149:4; "*The Lord...will beatify the meek with salvation.*" Salvation is only given to those who allow themselves to be God-controlled.

Psalm 37:11; "*...the God-controlled will inherit the earth.*" Mt. 5:5 says; "*The God-controlled will see God.*"

It is only because of the inability of the reader to appreciate the full meaning of the word 'meek,' that the N. K. J. V. and others, translates the word 'meek' as 'humble.' Humbleness is a good quality for the Christian to have, but it is not the same as meekness.

Never attribute meekness as any kind of weakness. It is exactly the opposite. It is great strength. To be God-controlled is the secret to living the Christian life. Remember, "*The Lord is the strength of your life.*" Psa. 27:1