

Seek Meekness

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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**.

CONTEXT: THE DAY OF THE LORD

Zephaniah 1:15 That day isa day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

GOD WILL SAVE THE MEEK

Psalms 76:7,9 Thou, even thou, art to be feared: and **who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?** 9 When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

Psalms 149:4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will **beautify** [Glorify] **the meek with salvation**.

meekness is related to The inheritance

Psalms 37:9,11 Forevildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. 11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

THE MEEKEST MAN ON THE EARTH

Numbers 12:2-3 And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it. 3 (Now the man **Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.**)

MOSES ENDURED GOD'S WILL

Exodus 4:20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and **Moses took the rod of God in his hand.**

STIFFNECKED

Exodus 32:9 And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a **stiffnecked people**:

Jeremiah 17:23 But they **obeyed not**, neither inclined their ear, but made their **neck stiff**, that they might **not hear**, nor receive instruction.

Rebellion and stubbornness

1 Samuel 15:23 For **rebellion** is as the sin of witchcraft, and **stubbornness** is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast **rejected the word of the LORD**, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

HE WILL GUIDE AND TEACH THE MEEK

Psalms 25:8-9 Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. 9 The **meeke** will he **guide** in judgment: and the **meeke** will he **teach his way**.

OBSTINATE

Psalms 32:8-9

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. 9 Be ye **nots** the **horse**, or as the **mule**, which have no understanding: whose **mouth must be held in with bit and bridle**, lest they come near unto thee.

suffer the word of exhortation

Hebrews 13:22 And I beseech you, brethren, **suffer the word of exhortation**: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.

MEEKNESS DETERMINES YOUR GROWTH

1 Peter 2:1-2

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, 2 As **newborn babes**, **desire** the sincere milk of **the word**, that ye may **grow** thereby:

receive with meekness

James 1:21-22 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity [abundance] of naughtiness [wickedness that is not ashamed to break laws], and **receive with meekness** the engrafted **word**, which is able to **save your souls**. 22 But be ye **doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

HEARING AND DOING

Ezekiel 33:31 And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as My people. And they **hear your words**, but **they do not do them**. For they produce much love with their mouth, but their heart goes after their unjust gain.

ENDURE DOCTRINE

2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not **endure sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

SUBMITTING TO GOD'S ROD

Leviticus 10:1-3 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of **Aaron**, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and **offered strange fire before the LORD**, which he commanded them not. 2 And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and **they died** before the LORD. 3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spoke, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And **Aaron held his peace**.

PROUD ATTITUDE

2 Kings 5:10-12 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him [Naaman], saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. 11 But **Naaman was wrath**, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus **better than all the waters of Israel**? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So **he turned and went away in a rage**.

PROUD ATTITUDE IS THE OPPOSITE OF A MEEK ATTITUDE

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

DEFINITION

Webster - Submission to the divine will, without murmuring or peevishness. Yielding, Mild [calm] of temper; soft; gentle; not easily provoked or irritated; given to forbearance under injuries.

YIELDING

1 Peter 3:4-5 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a **meek** [yielding] and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, **being in subjection** unto their own husbands:

SHOW MEEKNESS TO ALL MEN

Titus 3:1-2

Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, 2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men.

CALM DISPOSITION

Proverbs 16:32 He that is **slow to anger** is better than the mighty; and he that **ruleth his spirit** than he that taketh a city.

NOT BEING HARD ON PEOPLE

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, **restore** such a one in the **spirit of meekness**; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

BESEECHING BY THE MEEKNESS OF CHRIST

2 Corinthians 13:10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should **use sharpness, according to the power** which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

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: 10 For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible. 11 Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present.

ROD OR SPIRIT OF MEEKNESS

1 Corinthians 4:21 What will ye? shall I come unto you **with a rod**, or in love, and in the **spirit of meekness**?

not easily provoked or irritated

Proverbs 19:11 The discretion of a man **deferreth his anger**; and it is his glory to **pass over** a transgression.

MeekNESS is not just bearing affliction but my right response to that affliction

Matthew 26:49-53

And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. 50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him 3 **Thinkest thou that I cannot** now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than **twelve legions of angels**?

MEEKNESS IS REQUIRED IN THE CHURCH

Ephesians 4:1-3 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; 3 Endeavoring to **keep the unity** of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

suffer long, Forbear, forgive

Colossians 3:12-13 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved?., **meekness, longsuffering; 1 Forbearing** one another, and **forgiving** one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.