

SOTM 3 - Blessed Are The Meek

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Jesus gave three requirements to be His disciple:

- 1. Luke 14:26** If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.
- 2. Luke 14:26** And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.
- 3. Luke 14:33** So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Those sound really harsh at first but we must remember ... the goal is to become His disciple ... meaning we shall be as He is ... which means He is already this way ... which means at our core, in our spirit ... we are already this way also. If you approach the sermon on the mount with the mindset of, "I have to become that" ... you are doomed to failure. The proper mindset is, "He has already made me that." That is who you really are and if your mind does not agree, it has simply not yet been renewed to agree with the new man you truly are. Our minds are still being renewed to the truth of the Word of God.

The Beatitudes, and the whole sermon on the mount, is an expansion of what He taught in Luke 14. The three principles of Luke 14 is the summary. The sermon on the mount is the expository of that summary.

Review: Blessed are the poor in spirit. The soldier is totally dependent upon the army ... his clothes, his food, his weapons, his assignment ... all are provided by the army. He is totally dependent and obedient. Your spirit totally trusts your Father to provide. My mind had to go through a training process to come to that same place of trusting Him. My spirit did not. God does not want us living our lives trying to find security, happiness, and fulfillment the way the world does. That's why preceding the three requirements in Luke chapter fourteen, He teaches about those who asked to be excused from the feast where we are supposed to feed the blind, the lame, and the maimed supernaturally from our Father's table. What was it that they occupied themselves with instead?

1. I have bought a piece of ground.
2. I have bought five yoke of oxen.
3. I have married a wife.

Temporary, worldly things. None of those things are sinful. We are in the world and we have responsibilities in the world ... but we cannot give our lives to those things. It is a sin to give our lives to the world when we have been called to give our lives to the kingdom of God. All of those temporary things will one day perish. Our work on earth concerns eternal things, not temporary things. Our work is in the eternal kingdom of God, not the temporary works on planet earth.

Our Father's table has been fully furnished by the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Everything is ready to be served off of that table. There is not a problem with the provision. There is a problem finding servants who will serve from that table instead of occupying themselves with the things of the world.

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

The tendency of the unrenewed mind is to turn that around backward. "I will take care of all of the natural things first ... and then if there is any time left ... I will pray, worship, read the Word, etc."

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

We serve God and mammon is a tool we use to serve God with. Blessed are they that mourn. This world is not our home. We mourn while we live in this world that is so unlike our home. We mourn and pray and fast to see God's kingdom rule here the way it does in heaven.

Today's Lesson:

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

1. Moses was the meekest man on the face of the earth. Num 12:3
 - a. Read all of Numbers chapter twelve. When it comes to personal attacks, Moses understood, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay" sayeth the Lord.
 - i. Moses took no steps to vindicate himself.
 - ii. Jesus never returned evil for evil.
 - iii. When Jesus was reviled, He reviled not again.

Romans 12:17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

Mat 5:39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

2. He was willing to be taught by God.
 - a. God taught Moses what sin is. Moses never disputed what God called sin.
 - b. Moses faithfully told the people what God had told him.
 - c. A type and foreshadowing of Christ ... the living WORD.
 - d. Moses was meek, yet he had the golden calf ground to powder and made the people drink the gold dust. Ex 32:20
 - e. Moses was meek, but in spiritual warfare it was Moses who split the Red Sea. It was Moses who held up his hands while Joshua fought against Amalek. Moses was holding up the rod, the type and shadow of the victory won by Christ at the cross.
3. Jesus is our pattern of being meek. "I am meek and lowly of heart."
 - a. Dave taught us that being meek meant being one hundred percent teachable.

John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

- b. Jesus is the WORD of God. He did not change, not even in the slightest way, what God has said.

John 14:23-24 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. (24) He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

4. "shall inherit the earth." This is not the word normally translated the "world." That is usually the Greek word kosmos or eion. This is the Greek word G1093 – ge - meaning literally ... earth ... the soil. This present earth, even the elements that make up this present soil, shall dissolve in fervent heat. There is going to be a new heaven and a new earth. Stay humble, meek, teachable, and obedient and you will inherit that new earth where righteousness dwells.

2 Peter 3:10-13 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements

shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. (11) *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, (12) Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? (13) Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.