

Meekness: To Be The Heir, Be A Good Guest

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.” (Matthew 5:5)

We will start with this story: A generous man with a heart full of love and mercy invited another man to live with him in his big house. He gave to that man all the things he needed to live; food, drink, clothe, a suitable warm bed to sleep, and allowed him to use everything in his house and to enjoy almost all the facilities that are present therein. In short, he gave freely to his invited guest. But sometime after, with all the freedom and privileges the guest had in that house he behaved as the owner or the inheritor of wealth and riches. Although he was instructed about what to do and how to behave, still he mistreated the grace given to him. He started to break the rules abused his implicit agreement with the house owner. Adultery and sexual perversion he did in secret. He replaced his full state of consciousness with the hallucination of alcohol and addiction of drugs. He filled the house with filth, ruined it with his disobedience and broke the style of holy living. Soon, the Lord of the house discovered what the guest had done and naturally he acted upon the situation.

- 1- *“So the Lord God banished him from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.” (Genesis 3:23)*
- 2- *“After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.” (Genesis 3:24)*

The owner cleansed his house from wickedness. He expelled his guest, and then he shut the doors of his house so he will not enter again. He as well, seated guards and defined rules how to accept people in his house. In fact, it was a bad experience to the master of the house because his welcome and generosity was misunderstood, and this led him to enact regulations and selection of guest to enter.

Similar to this situation was what happened in the Garden of Eden. God who created Adam and Eve in His own image gave them all His. He did not withhold from them His blessing but given them the freedom to decide and to rule over His creation. *“God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” (Genesis 1:28)* And being the ultimate owner He also gave His house rule. *“And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.” (Genesis 2:16-17)* But Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. When God faced them, they did not confess their sin but Adam projected his sin to Eve. *The man said, ‘The woman you put here with me-she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.’ (Genesis 3:12)* Likewise, the woman did not accept her sins but pointed to the serpent. *The woman said, ‘The serpent deceived me, and I ate.’ (Genesis 3:13b)*

The question that some people may ask is, *“why God created human with freedom to choose and allow him to fall into choosing the wrong option?”* God created man in His image and to impart His image as God is He gave human the free will. God planned for human to be with Him in His kingdom. But, before allowing human to live with Him, human must take the right decision by his own free will and

not by force. God desired His plan to be chosen but the final decision belonged to man. He showed the right way but the final decision is in man’s hand.

Adam and Eve when they ate the fruit, they did not only disobey God but they even desired to be like God, and to reign over the owner of the house who invited them to live with. So God sent them outside the Garden of Eden, being arrogant, stiff necked, and disobedient, *to work the ground from which he had been taken.* They needed to be meek before they could live in the house of the Lord. Before we could ride on a wild horse, it needed to be tamed and be meek so we could direct it to the path that we wanted to be. Human should spend time working on the ground to be meek so he would be accepted by God as heir of his house. The meek are well-trained and well-qualified to inherit the new earth and the new city of God because:

- 1-**The meek are obedient:** They are submissive to their masters.
- 2-**The meek are humble:** They don’t care even they are given the lower position.
- 3-**The meek have self –control:** They are not motivated by anger even insulted.
- 4-**The meek are not arrogant:** They are not after prestigious positions but consider others better than themselves.
- 5-**The meek are not defiant:** They do not retaliate but leave room for God to revenge.
- 6-**The meek work quietly:** They are diligent but don’t boast or talk much about what they do.
- 7- **The meek are not weak:** They are strong but they use their strength only to do their Master’s will.

To reach the criteria of meekness is difficult. But God made the situation easy for us. God sent His Son, Jesus, to obey His will, leaving us an example to follow. *“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:17)* God wants to say that Jesus is the only perfect example of meekness. Jesus took all our sins, died on the cross, and gave us eternal life. The cross of Jesus gave us a complete example of how to be meek.

Therefore, *“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to death-even to death on the cross!” (Philippians 2:5-8)*

God will not accept someone who is not meek to be in his house once again, because all of a sudden he may disobey, rebel, fight, kill and destroy.

My Dear and Beloved: The meek will easily confess their sins, they will easily recognize their sins and quickly ask forgiveness, taking the attitude of repentance. The meek are teachable. They accept correction and advice, and they are willing to work for a change, and mold themselves to become children of God. It is really difficult for every one of us, but let us pray, *“Shall the Lord help us to be meek and to be molded in His likeness?”*

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord I repent, renounce and confess all my sins _____. Lord makes me humble and takes away all my pride and arrogant behaviour. Help me to be a teachable person, meek and willing to listen to you and accept correction, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*