The Meek Inherit the Earth

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

MAIN POINT: The meek have quiet confidence. The meek belong to God and have learned that He owns and controls everything.

I. What does meekness mean?

Meekness: (praus) The humble and gentle attitude which expresses itself in a patient submissiveness to offense, free from malice and desire for revenge. - Fritz Reinecker

Moses: Meekness is maturing from the angry prince of Egypt to the meekest of all men.

"Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth."

Numbers 12:3

David: Meekness is slaying Goliath but not slaying Shimei or Saul.

"When King David came to Bahurim, there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera, and as he came he cursed continually." 2 Sam16:5

II. What does inheriting the earth mean?

Psalm 37:11 But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.

Quiet confidence comes from knowing and belonging, but it is learned through suffering. and challenges, like....

Family problems, Financial problems, Grumbling people...

Meekness comes from:

- knowing that God will bring justice (Ps. 37:6)
- waiting on the Lord (Ps. 37:7)
- refraining from anger (Ps. 37:8).
- trusting God's character (Ps. 37:9-11)

III. Accept Christ's invitation to become meek and live abundantly.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle (praus) and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Mathew 11:28