

Blessed Are the Meek

Jesus' third beatitude is this:

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

Father, as we see Your greatness, we face our smallness.
As we glimpse Your power, we grasp our weakness.
As we marvel at Your transcendence, we embrace our lowliness.
Standing before You, humility is natural, honest, and sweet.
As we worship You, we forget ourselves.
As we crown You Lord, we gladly resign the throne of our lives.
Self-protection is unnecessary, for You, Sovereign God, are our protection.
With Psalm 123, we pray:

*I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven.
As the eyes of slaves look to the hands of their master...
so our eyes look to the Lord our God
till he shows us mercy. (vv.1-2, NIV)*

As we gaze on Your great glory, we abandon our own.
James 4 says:

*God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble...
Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. (vv.6, 10, NIV)*

As we rely completely on Your provision,
we no longer grab and grasp and worry.
We simply pray:

*My heart is not proud, O Lord,
my eyes are not haughty;
I do not concern myself with great matters
or things too wonderful for me.
But I have stilled and quieted my soul;
like a weaned child with its mother,
like a weaned child is my soul within me. (Psalm 131:1-2, NIV)*

When Your own Son came to us, filled with all the fullness of the godhead,
He was meek.
He was completely empty before You,
completely dependent on You.
He relied on You for everything He said and did.
This Jesus invites us to come to Him.
He says:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.
(Matthew 11:28-30, NIV)

Jesus invites us to lay down our constant, crushing burden of self-concern and take up the one easy burden of simply trusting You.

Father, give us the Spirit of Your Son Jesus.

Give us His Spirit of meekness—
not weakness, but meekness.

And from His Spirit, grow within us
His gentle heart with
His gentle words and
His gentle hands.

Make us truly and completely Your children, meek before
You,
Your people, and
the world.

Father, empty us of ourselves
that we may be filled forever with You.

Hymn: Meekness

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