

Meekness

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1 And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

2 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.)

4 And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

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5 And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

7 My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house.

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8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.

Introduction

A. God's definition

Matthew 11:29

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

- 1. Patient restraint**
- 2. Power under control**
- 3. Gentleness/Humbleness**

B. World's definition

Weakness – lack of power

I. Considerations For Having Meekness

A. Commanded for the believer

1 Timothy 6:11

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

B. Committed to the believer by the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

II. Characteristics Of Having Meekness

A. Inwardly

James 1:21

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

B. Outwardly

Colossians 3:12

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

II. Characteristics Of Having Meekness

C. Manifestly

1 Peter 3:4

But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

D. In service

Galatians 6:1

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

II. Characteristics Of Having Meekness

E. In testimony

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

III. Consequences Of Having Meekness

A. You are satisfied

Psalm 22:6

The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

B. You will be guided

Psalm 25:9

The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

III. Consequences Of Having Meekness

C. You will be sustained

Psalm 147:6

The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

D. You will be rewarded

Psalm 37:11

But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Be Meek