



NOTES

- Open In Prayer:

Remember to Ask someone: "If you Can Pray for them" this Week.

Announcements:

Pre Service Prayer Sundays @ 9:50 am.

ASK and they Will Come .Invite someone to one of these events coming up.

Mens BBQ in May and the Start of a Special Video Series for June/July Church Anniversary June 23-24

Last Weeks Key point: You should be happy that you are unhappy, because when you are, you are highly favored by God and walking in His way, the way of the Kingdom.

Follow up and review last weeks discussion What was it about? What stood out? What Impact did it have on you, at work, with your family

What did you hear from or see from God this week?

Key Point: Favoured by God are those who are gentle, meek forged by the realization of their condition, that they are nothing, for they shall inherit the earth.

Read Matthew 5:5

What is it to be meek? What is meekness? define the term,

Can you think of someone or a well know character that is portrayed as meek?

(ie 1938 comic book hero) _____

Am I meek?

A person yielded and broken so far from self-will that God can mold them to His will.

-A.B. Simpson

Let's be frank...when you talk about a person being meek, one usually does not mean gentle or mild...the world usually means *weak*...meekness equals weakness...and we usually do not celebrate weakness...but Jesus does...He actually rewards it.

Let's put it another way...Do I hide myself from others?

As R.T. Kendall says, "We inherit the Kingdom of Heaven to the degree the un-grieved Spirit lives in us. For the Kingdom of Heaven is the conscious presence of God. The degree to which we experience these Beatitudes will therefore be the degree to which we inherit the Kingdom." (The Sermon on the Mount, p. 35).

Read -Col. 3:1-4 -our focus /our stance? _____

-Read -Philippians 2:5-8Christ.s focus/Stance _____

Am I meek, that I have humbled myself to a servant and become obedient to the point of the death of myself?

To strive to be meek is hard because there is no applause.

If one wishes to do a personal inventory about our meekness quotient ask yourself this question:

Do I look over my shoulder to see what people think of me? How much does our sociaty or ourselves seek applause? _____



- The Forgotten God

- Francis Chan

PRAYER ITEMS

Refer to these during the week.

- Government - Prime Minister; - Premier

Taylor W. Australia
ministry outside the Compound
- Finances for 2nd year

Kara H
comes Home
Monday April 23 5:30 PM. .

The Mustard Seed is ALWAYS looking for Assitance. If yuo or your group is interested in Helping Contact Lynette in the Office and she can point you in the right direction.

Have Your Group Take a Group Photo for the Directory and the Anniversary Celebration Send in the Lnnette

What did you hear or see this week?

LIVE IT:

Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you, What is God asking you to do about todays discussion? Who will you allow to hold you accountable to this? For you personally, what do you need to adjust in your day to put the Holy Spirit more center? How can we your group, brothers and sisters help you ?

The Meekness of Job

God said there was nobody on earth like him: **Read -Job 1:8; 2:3**

- ✓ Could you hold onto your integrity if you endured and suffered loss, pain and the affliction that Job did? How about less?
 - ✓ Would you and I complain before God and demand a court date to make our case and be heard before God to justify ourselves?
 - ✓ We lose the blessing of the Spirit and the mantle of meekness when we complain and mumble to one another or God about our pain, suffering and afflictions.
 - ✓ To walk in meekness is to dignify the trial and stay under it until God removes it.

Pastor Warren Wiersbe says: "When God puts His own people into the furnace, He keeps His eye on the clock and His hand on the thermostat." -W.Wiersbe, *Bibile Exposition Commentary*, p.50

- ✓ Why do the righteous suffer? To make us better men and women.
 - ✓ God uses the image of a furnace to describe His purifying ministry through suffering.
- [Isaiah 48:10](#) Why the Furnace? _____
[1 Peter 1:6-7](#) results from the Fire? _____
[1 Peter 4:12](#) Expectation? _____
- ✓ Our questions in affliction are only evidences of one's unbelief. [Job 23:10](#) is our answer: "
 - ✓ Important to note, Job's life was pleasing to God.

- [Job 23:11-12](#) Jobs response though his trials _____
- [Job 22:22](#) our response should be: _____
- "-[Mt. 4:4](#) our response should be: _____
- [John 4:34](#) our response should be: _____
- [Ps. 1:1-2](#) our response should be: _____

When I am in the God's furnace of affliction, do I burn or purify? What is my attitude toward God and His will? What is His Word to me?

- ✓ God is soverign, but what will He send to me next? One thing to submit to Him when you see His face and hear His voice; but easy to fall apart when in pain and darkness.

[Job 23:14](#)

- ✓ Do we trust God?
- [Jeremiah 29:11](#) - What does or should our repose to Christ be when we read ths? Has this made an impact in your life previoully? Would you share?

What is meekness? The absence of ego.

- ✓ I draw attention to myself when my ego is present.
- ✓ My ego disappears when I am more concerned with who I am before God than before people.
- ✓ My ego is present when I am not willing to be nothing before God and man.
- ✓ Scripture says Jesus made Himself nothing before God and man (Philippians 2:7)
- ✓ He came to Jerusalem riding on a donkey, not a horse as kings would do

Will I willing allow and embrace affliction in order to be refined?

-*Philippians 2:5-11 ESV*

Do I, have I, hidden myself in Jesus Christ?

-*Hebrews 12:3*

Do I care about impressing people or God?

"The greatest liberty is having nothing to prove." -R.T. Kendall