

MORNING MEDITATION

THEME: Matthew 5:5 - A MESSAGE FOR THE MEEK

PASSAGE: Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5)

DEFINITION

LATIN

demissus - lowered, hanging down, modest, humble, unassuming

WEBSTERS

patient and mild; not inclined to anger or resentment

RELATED TERMS

HUMBLE having or showing a consciousness of one's defects or shortcomings; lowly; unpretentious

MILD gentle or kind in disposition, action, or effect

MODEST quiet and humble in appearance, style, etc.; not pretentious

PATIENT bearing or enduring pain, trouble, etc. without complaining or losing self-control

THE 'RESPONSIBILITY'

1. LEARN **IT** from JESUS (*Matt 11:29*)
2. SEEK **IT** (*Zeph. 2:3*)
3. FOLLOW AFTER **IT** (*1 Tim. 6:11*)
4. OBSERVE **IT** in MOSES (*Num 12:3*)
5. CLOTHE YOURSELVES with **IT** (*Col 3:12-13*)
6. SHOW **IT** to EVERYONE (*Titus 3:2*)
7. RESTORE others with **IT** (*Gal 6:1*)
8. ANSWER EVERYONE with **IT** (*1 Pet 3:15*)

THE 'RECOGNITION'

1. I was shapen in iniquity (*Psalms 51:5*)
2. My thoughts are vain (*Psalms 94:11*)
3. My way is perverse and strange (*Prov 21:8*)
4. My righteousness is as filth and rags (*Isa 64:6*)
5. My heart is deceitful, desperately wicked (*Jer 17:9*), and brings forth evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: (*Mark 7:21-22*)
6. My flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against my flesh (*Gal 5:17*)
7. I do what I shouldn't, and don't do what I should (*Rom 7:15*)
8. I am scarcely saved (*1Pet 4:18*) by His Grace (*Eph 2:8*), kept by His Power (*1Pet 1:5*), and redeemed by His Blood (*Acts 20:28; Col. 1:14; Rev. 1:5*)

THE 'REWARDS'

1. SATISFACTION (*Psalms 22:26*)
2. GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTION (*Psalms 25:9*)
3. AN 'INHERITANCE' (*Psalms 37:11, Matt 5:5*)
4. ABUNDANT PEACE (*Psalms 37:11*)
5. SALVATION (*Psalms 76:9*)
6. ELEVATION (*Psalms 147:6, Matt 23:12, James 4:10, 1Pet 5:6*)
7. BEAUTY (*Psalms 149:4*)
8. HONOR (*Prov 15:33, 18:12, 22:4, 29:23*)
9. RICHES AND LIFE (*Prov 22:4*)
10. ADVOCACY (*Isaiah 11:4*)
11. INCREASED JOY (*Isaiah 29:19*)
12. COMMUNION WITH GOD (*Isaiah 57:15*)
13. GOOD NEWS (*Isaiah 61:1*)
14. GRACE (*James 4:6, 1Pet 5:5*)

SELECTED PASSAGES

Ps 22:26 - The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

Ps 25:9 - The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

Ps 149:4 - -For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

Zep 2:3- Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.

Tit 3:2 - To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.