

Numbers 12:3 The Doctrine of Humility

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Introduction

1. Jesus said, "*Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth*" (Matt. 5:5). The world says, "Behold the macho; they get the best relationships, jobs, promotions, publicity, and success." Many people are seeking to inherit the earth but not by being meek.
2. Webster's Dictionary definitions:
Meek: "deficient in spirit and courage; not violent or strong"
Humble: "insignificant, lacking aggressiveness or self-assertiveness."
3. A biblical definition of humble and meek: *subdued to the will of God at all costs.*

The Nature of Biblical Meekness

1. Numbers 12:3
2. Acts 7:20-24
3. Exodus 2:15-21
4. Does God want a "sissy" church? (c.f. 1 Cor.16:13,14)
5. Webster's alternative definition of Humble: "a spirit of deference or submission" and of Meekness: "able to endure injury with patience."
6. Exodus 5:1; 15-23.
7. Exodus 6: Moses wants to give up and quit.
8. What does it mean to say, "Lord I come to you humbly?"

The Necessity of Biblical Meekness

1. Matthew 11:28,29; Rom. 8:29
2. James 1:21
3. Ps. 25:9
4. Moses' example:
 - Exodus 15:23-25
 - Exodus 17:3-4
 - Numbers 11:4-15
 - Hebrews 11:24-25
5. God loved Moses (Deut. 34:5,6)

The Nurture of Biblical Meekness: How do we obtain it?

1. Admit our pride.
2. Pray that God would meeken our spirit.
3. Stay focused on biblical humility not worldly machoism.
4. Memorize Psalm 37:10-11.

Armed with the word of God, we can bow to the will of God at all costs.