



TODAY'S INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

They Shall Inherit the Earth

The Blessing for Those Who Are Meek

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Today, we are going to look at the third blessing given to those who are citizens of the kingdom of God/heaven. In Matthew 5:5, Jesus says, “⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth” (ESV).

I. The Old Testament Background of This Blessing

- A. Psalm 37
- B. “¹¹ But the meek shall inherit _____ and delight themselves in abundant peace.” (Psalm 37:11, ESV)
 1. Consider also: Psalm 37:9, 22, 29, 34
- C. This Psalm builds a contrast between the fate of the wicked and the fate of the righteous.

II. They Shall Inherit the Earth/Land: What does it mean?

- A. In the O.T. context, there may be an emphasis on the blessings Israel received in the promised land. They needed to be faithful to God to remain in the land and to receive these blessings.
- B. But is there more meant in the psalm than this?
 1. Compare Psalm 37:3 and Psalm 37:11
 2. They _____ received their inheritance. They were told to dwell in the land with faithfulness. If they did this, then they would “inherit the land.” It seems this blessing is talking about something much grander than Canaan.
 3. Compare Hebrews 4:6-11 and Hebrews 11:13-16 to Psalm 37

III. Who Is This Blessing for?

- A. “Blessed are _____...” (Matt 5:5)
- B. A profile of the meek (Psalm 37):
 1. They _____ on the LORD (v11)
 - a) They commit their ways to the LORD & trust in Him(v5)
 - b) They are _____ before Him (v7)
 2. They are patient (v7)
 3. They don't worry about what man can do to them (v7)
 4. They refrain from anger & wrath (v8).
- C. A profile of the meek from the New Testament
 1. James 1:19-21; Ephesians 4:1; Titus 3:2.

THINKING THROUGH TODAY'S LESSON:

- Are you a meek person?
 - Do you wait on the Lord?
 - Do you commit your ways to Him?
 - Are you patient?
 - Do you refrain from anger and wrath?
 - Are you quick to hear and slow to speak?
 - Are you teachable?
 - Do you avoid quarreling?
 - Are you gentle?
- Have you thanked God recently for the blessings that come because God is with you in this life? Do you thank God for the promises He has given you for the future?

MY NOTES:

Is This a Blessing You Have Now and Will Have in the Future?