

THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH

Psalm 37:9-11 ... “For evildoers shall be cut off; but those who wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; indeed, you will look carefully for his place, but it shall be no more. But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.”

All scripture is important. Indeed, 2 Timothy 3:16 reads: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” But there are special verses in the Bible that seem to be jam-packed with truth and valuable information for us. That is true of today’s passage, especially verse 11, which reads: “But the meek shall inherit the earth...”

Some people believe that to be meek they must be quiet, without opinions, soft-spoken, or even cowardly. Some carry this to the extreme and will not express themselves even to God. There are recorded stories of martyred Christians who died in silence without speaking a word. The definition of meek is none of those characteristics. A meek person demonstrates patience and humility, and humility is the absence of pride and the expression of respect which, in the spiritual sense, is submission to God. A Christian being killed for his faith, should speak out in defense of Christ as long as he has breath.

In the context of today’s verses, we learn that:

- Believers who are patient in allowing God to fight evil, will eventually inherit the paradise God is creating for us.
- Wicked people are among us for a very brief time. They will not follow us to heaven.
- Humble believers (those who do not take credit for God’s work), will spend eternity on a perfect new earth where peace is endless.

A meek believer stands for God through his or her relationship with Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit to minister to the lost. In most instances, your silence has nothing to contribute to the cause of Christ and may result in someone missing heaven. Instead, we must all stand for God and speak on his behalf to all who will hear, in both comfortable and difficult situations. If you are persecuted for your beliefs, which may someday happen, speak for God even louder and with greater persistence. If your neck is on the chopping block with the executioner’s axe swinging your way, speak words of testimony of your faith in Jesus. If you are kneeling with a gun to your head, celebrate your faith by loudly praising God. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

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