

## ***Meekness: The Glory of Being Like God***

### **I. OUR ETERNAL DESTINY IS TO POSSESS GODLINESS**

A. Our greatest glory, freedom and pleasure is found in being God like in our character.

<sup>1</sup> *Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. (Eph. 5:1)*

<sup>29</sup> *He predestined (us) to be conformed to the image of His Son. (Rom. 8:29)*

<sup>4</sup> *He chose us...before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy... (Eph. 1:4)*

B. The greatest expression of godliness is to live in love (which is holiness or meekness).

<sup>13</sup> *And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor. 13:13)*

C. **Prophetic dream:** “Meekness is the magnet that attracts God’s favor.” The best soil for the grace of meekness to take root in our hearts is to seek to walk it out in context to those we live with. The more we seek to walk it out in practical ways, the more we see how much we lack it.

<sup>6</sup> *He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God...gives grace to the humble." (Jas 4:6)*

<sup>5</sup> *Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (Mt. 5:5)*

D. Beholding principle: whatever we behold about God’s heart is what we become in ours. The revelation of Jesus’ meekness produces a longing in us to be like Him.

<sup>18</sup> *But we all...beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory... (2 Cor. 3:18)*

E. The Father is well pleased as He contemplates His own humility in the work of the Holy Spirit and in the life of Jesus. It humbles us to look upon the great mystery of God’s meekness. Jesus put on display the riches of God’s meekness. The Holy Spirit’s entire ministry and Jesus’ whole life is ordered around meekness. How can One so strong stoop so low in such tenderness? The Spirit desires to give us revelation of the dignity, beauty and uniqueness of God’s lowliness.

<sup>29</sup> *Learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart... (Mt. 11:29)*

<sup>45</sup> *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve... (Mark 10:45).*

F. The Holy Spirit functions as the support ministry or the deacon within the Godhead. He is fully God yet chooses to work behind the scenes without desire to be recognized. He is happy in humility. The Father and Son fully value Him because they have the same nature.

<sup>13</sup> *He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak...<sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. (Jn. 16:13-14)*

<sup>13</sup> *For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith... (1 Tim. 3:13)*

- G. Meekness is power under control. It restrains the use of power except for redemptive purposes or to promote love. It must not be confused with weakness which is the absence of strength. By nature, men exploit the weak and capitalize on the failures of others. God serves us and refuses to exploit us. He covers our sin and rewards extravagantly for the smallest acts of service. God sees all humans as fallen “image bearers.” He values them regardless of how they live.  
<sup>35</sup> ***Love your enemies, do good...your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.*** (Lk. 6:35)
- H. In the Millennial Kingdom, Jesus will serve those who lived a life of humility and watching.  
<sup>37</sup> ***Blessed are those servants whom the Master...will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that He will gird Himself and...will come and serve them.*** (Lk. 12:37)
- I. Jesus came to die so that He might purchase men for God.  
<sup>9</sup> ***Worthy art Thou...for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.*** (Rev 5:9, NAS)
- J. The Father promised to give Jesus leadership over all the nations in the Millennium.  
<sup>8</sup> ***I (the Father) will give You (Jesus)the nations for Your inheritance...*** (Ps. 2:8)  
<sup>8</sup> ***He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death...Therefore God has highly exalted Him...10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...*** (Phil. 2:8-10)  
<sup>18</sup> ***He is the head of the body...that in all things He may have the preeminence.*** (Col. 1:18)
- K. Moravian missionaries were motivated to evangelize and make disciples so that the Lamb would receive the reward of His sufferings.
- L. At the end of the Millennial Kingdom, Jesus will offer the nations to the Father  
<sup>24</sup> ***Then comes the end, when He (Jesus) delivers the Kingdom to the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority. 25 For He (Jesus) must reign till He (the Father) has put all enemies under His feet...28 When all things are made subject to Him, then the Son will be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.*** (1 Cor. 15:24-28)
- M. The devil offered Jesus all the kingdoms of this world.  
<sup>8</sup> ***The devil...showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." 10 Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" (Mt. 4:8-10)***
- N. Meekness is attractive, causing many who see it to be inspired to imitate it. A premier example of this is in the 24 elders imitating Jesus by casting their rewards before the Father.  
<sup>10</sup> ***The 24 elders fall down before Him who sits on the Throne...and cast their crowns before the Throne, saying: "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory..."*** (Rev. 4:10-11)