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LESSON 6: MEEKNESS ISN'T WEAKNESS

Read For This Week's Book Study

Numbers 12: 3, Ephesians 4: 2, Titus 3: 2, James 3: 3, 1 Peter 3: 15

Memory Scripture: “Blessed the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” –Matthew 5: 5 (KJV)

Key Scripture: “But the meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of shalom (peace).” –Psalm 37: 11 (KJV)

Word Study: The Greek word *πραῦς*, *práos/praus* (prah-oos), means “humble”, “gentle”, “mild”, “quiet” or and not willing to argue or express your opinions in a forceful way.

Key Points

- Discipline
- Self-Control
- The Good Shepard & The Sheep

There is a lot to unpack for this lesson and I want to start with clarifying the differences between meekness and humility. Meekness is equal with humility, but they behave differently, despite that their meanings are similar. Humility requires us to be last at everything we do and not have a bad attitude about it, to be selfless, to sacrifice or die righteously for the sake of another, to be restraining of our power to win at something so we can allow room for others, whereas meekness requires us be self-conscious aware of how we respond to insults and the mistreatment of others. When Elohim uses meek in the Book, they are saying we must be gentle, the positive moral quality of dealing with people in a kind manner with humility and consideration and to do so sincerely from the heart. Lucifer, Babylon and toxic influences of our society teaches men and women the opposite of this truth. They claim that being meek is weakness and if a man or woman displays meekness, they're not just pathetic, they're unworthy of their time.

In the eyes of our Creator, this is ludicrous and the opposite of their command to demonstrate good behavior towards each other and our enemies. A person's outward appearance is looked upon and often misjudged because of external actions. A meek person is one who knows the true potential of their strength, whether that strength be physical, emotional or spiritual and doesn't use their power to belittle or contest with others. A meek person is one who is willing to show compassion and mercy because that is what he or she wants for themselves and all those around them. Biblical meekness is a lifestyle, not a suggestion and should be part of our everyday routine, not just a pop-up during times of hardship or trials that push our patience.

It's good to show meekness during a trial, but like I said, this word should be part of your lifestyle and something people see coming out of you no matter what. In other words, you cannot be selective about a fruit of the spirit. If Ruwah (Holy Spirit) is inside of you and Elohim is the Adoni (Lord) of your life, these traits are going to naturally flow out of you because they are the main characteristics of our Creator and we are their reflection and were asked to be holy, for they are holy (Leviticus 21: 8, Exodus 19: 6, 1 Peter 1: 16). Since they are holy, we, their servants and sons (children) cannot pretend to be meek or "fake it till you make it". Whatever is inside of us when we are tested in trial, guess what? That is exactly what will come out of us. If you're not humble or meek, but angry at life, angry at yourself or a problematic person to deal with in general, those traits are going to be what people see when you're pressed, not humility, let alone meekness.

Before we continue on, I want you to watch three videos that pertain the lesson. One is commentary video by [Chad Bird](#), but two videos are by [The Church Of Yeshua Christ Of The Latter-Day Saints](#) (LDS). For clarification purposes I, nor does the Unaligned Church staff or members of our Ministry Team endorse the doctrinal teachings of Jospheh Smith, the founder of the Mormonism and Latter-Day Saint movement. I cannot deny how LDS accurately produce Book content that mirrors the King James scripture, which is the closest to the original Hebrew and Greek texts. That being said, now you know why I and the Ministry Team use some of their content for this classroom. Please go watch the videos before reading further. However, if you choose to not watch the videos, I have no way of knowing that, but the Lord sees you and if you disobey my order, that's on you and you will be hurting yourself in the end because the message Elohim wants you to see and hear, is best presented in the LDS visuals of the LDS videos.

Lesson Videos

- [What Does Meek Mean? Not What People Think:](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T66zKYNaweM)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T66zKYNaweM>
- [Matthew 5 | Sermon On The Mount:](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTO7-Jarl-E) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTO7-Jarl-E>
- [John 10 | The Good Shepard:](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKwabH-k2fg&list=PLWqCX_i_exj92GkPOS8PGGsWdiNTTDSoe&index=10) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKwabH-k2fg&list=PLWqCX_i_exj92GkPOS8PGGsWdiNTTDSoe&index=10

If you watched the videos, specifically the “The Good Shepard”, the second part of the lesson is going to flow smoother and you’ll see how The Good Shepard is a direct example of meekness on Yeshua’s part. Yeshua demonstrates humility and meekness operating as one unit when he uses the parable of The Good Shepard. He said the Father loved him because he willingly laid down his life for the sheep and goes on to assure the sheep that he received this commandment from his father. Yeshua said he goeth before the sheep, calls to the sheep and they know his voice. He said, he is the door to the sheep and all whoever came before him were robbers and imposters. The Good Shepard must be meek to be approachable to the sheep. Did you pick up on that? You see, not all animals are tame and docile like sheep. Sheep are easily frightened, timid and are easy prey for wolves and other ferocious predators.

In the parable, the hireling left the sheep and did not care for them because he was a mere hireling. He was being paid to watch the sheep, so there was no love lost there when he saw wolves coming and ran off. Thieves are dishonest and care nothing for the sheep. They are only approaching the sheep to steal and then turn around sell them for profit. Yeshua is not interested in helping us for money nor is he interested in stealing our life. However, it’s not just his humility that makes him beautiful. It’s how meek Yeshua is about everything, including his divine duty to earth. I personally like how meekness, being gentle at its core, made Yeshua approachable and this type of behavior is why, his servants, will follow him and feel safe in his presence. The meekness

that came out of him when he was persecuted, lied about, shamed, assaulted and ultimately murdered, is why Yeshua was beloved of the Father and effective in his ministry and witnessing due to his choice to be meek.

You must realize one amazing fact about Yeshua. This celestial man *knew* who he was, who his parents were, where he came from and he understood just how much more powerful he was than us terrestrials. To know you are the ultimate representation of might, power, force, destruction, healing, elements, knowledge, etc. and choose to conceal it and put it away to save a rebellious, stiff-necked creation speaks volumes. If we were alive during the time period when Yeshua was down here, we should have trembled and run off in absolute fear of who Yeshua was or simply gave up the ghost from merely being in his presence or just making eye contact with him.

Yet, Yahweh and Ruwah did not want us to die or to run away from them. They wanted us to run to them and that was only possible by showing us meekness. This is a bold display of love as much as it is strength and if our Creator can be meek have self-control and choose to get along with difficult people, why does our society and Hell say meekness is useless, weak and go so far to insist that we should be ashamed of it and loathe this trait that Elohim installed inside of us?

I'm going to use the [Meeked Warhorse](#) as a demonstration to put this in better perspective. The ancient Greek army used *práos* to define a horse trained for battle. Wild stallions were brought down from the mountains and broken for warfare purpose while some were used to pull wagons, raised for races, but the best broken horses were trained for warfare. Those horses retained their fierce spirit, courage and power, but were disciplined to respond to the slightest nudge or pressure of the rider's leg. They could gallop into battle at alarming speed and stop instantly at just a word. Meeked Warhorses were not frightened by their environment, which could be a shower of arrows, the enemy hurling spears at them, etc. because they had self-control and listened to the voice of their master. The fewest of all graduated and were put into service. When a horse passed the conditioning required for service, its state was described as *práos*. To be a Meeked Warhorse, was to be taken from a state of wild rebellion and made completely loyal to and dependent upon, one's master.

In Matthew 11: 29-30, Yeshua describes being meek keeps everything under control, your emotions, spirit, mind and heart will not mislead you and even if you're taken advantage of, Yahweh will vindicate you so don't suppress this fruit of the Spirit. Based on all these spiritual example of meekness, it should start to become more clear that this virtue refers to those who are willing to share and sacrifice on behalf of others or lay down their life for others. Anyone who seeks domination and will use any means to harm or crush others with their mouths or actions is not being meek and cannot enter Elohim's kingdom or inherit the earth. You need to remember that it was the opposite behavior of Lucifer, Babylon and the third that fell that stated this holy war. They cast off their meekness and humility, put on pride and became combative toward stheir Creator and our species. Just look at the state of our realm and you can seen the result of what it means to do things in a selfish, aggressive manner.

Meekness *does not* mean weakness and it doesn't mean that we must cower or retreat from our principles and does not involve the surrender of our rights. Meek men and women of the Book demonstrated firm resolve, courage, conviction and strength. Meekness is also not a submissive or pacifying state, but rather an active proponent of what we know is right. Hence, to be meek means to always choose Elohim's route, asking them for help, direction, conditional training and proving show them that we have self-control of our entire body, will abide by their instruction in any and every situation when we come under direct fire from loved ones or our enemies.

Based on this week's topic, how will being meek help you develop spiritual maturity? If and when you find yourself in a difficult situation or conversation with a loved one and have to become lowly humble, "loose" a conversation and walk away, be silent and let the other party win, do you believe you are the stronger person for displaying meekness or the weaker person for letting the gentler side of you been seen by the person or persons who have wronged you or offended you?

Answer: Type your response here.