

## God's Upside Down World

### Matthew 5:5

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

12 Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### 1. The Role of Meekness In The Life of a Believer

*"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." -Matthew 11:28-29*

*"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" -- Matthew 21:5*

*"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness." -Matthew 23:27*

### 2. The Cultivation Of Meekness In The Life Of The Believer

*"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind amount yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus." --Philippians 2:3-5*

*"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less." C.S. Lewis*

### **3. The Reward For Meekness In The Future Of The Believer**

*"But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace."  
Psalm 37:11*

*"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw a holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.'" -Revelation 21:1-3*