

Love Your Neighbor
The Beatitudes-Blessed are the Meek
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GOD's Story— Blessed are the Meek, Matthew 5:5

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The Beatitudes take those who, from the human point of view, are regarded as most hopeless, most beyond all possibility of God's blessing or even interest, and exhibit *them* as enjoying God's touch and abundant provision from the heavens. –Dallas Willard

God does help those who don't or can't help themselves!

- Deuteronomy 10:18
- Psalm 10:17-18
- Psalm 68:5
- Proverbs 23:10-11

Praeis πραεις = gentle, mild, meek

- Same word Jesus uses to describe himself when he said, Matthew 11:28-29
- Translates the Hebrew word used by Zechariah (9:9), quoted in Matthew 21:5
- It's the word used to describe Godly women, 1 Peter 3:4
- And of Paul's conduct among the Thessalonians, 1 Thessalonians 2:6-7

BIG Idea: Jesus brought the blessing of heaven to earth! To the least expecting, to those unable to acquire, to the powerless and downtrodden, he would give the entire earth as their inheritance. One day God will bless those who do not simply bless themselves and who do not appear to be blessed now. The meek will be given what the strong have taken.

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Right On!