

The Strength of True Bliss

Matthew 5:5 & Selected Scriptures

Introduction:

Biblical Joy: *An unspeakable gladness, a gift from God that refreshes our soul.*

- C. S. Lewis adds: *"A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you."*

Matthew 5:5 *"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."*

Strong Steps of Biblical Humility

1. See and Value _____ as God does.

- *"Blessed" = to have a sense of wellbeing that transcends all circumstances.*
- *"Are the meek" = humility before God.*
- *"inherit the earth" = blessed by God in every way.*

(Matthew 11:29; Matthew 18:4; Luke 14:11; John 13:14-15).

2. See _____ as God sees you.

- **Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones** - *"meek" as "a humble and gentle attitude to others which is determined by a true estimate of ourselves."*

(Psalm 103:14)

3. See _____ as God sees them.

- **Fritz Rienecker** - *"meek:" "The humble and gentle attitude which expresses itself in a patient submissiveness to offense, free from malice and desire for revenge."*
- **Challenging Quotes:**
 - *"Only God is in position to look down on anyone."*
 - *"Any experience which makes me feel superior to other people is not of the Lord."*

4. See your _____ as God sees them.

- **James Montgomery Boice** - *"meek" = strength under control.*
- **Mother Teresa** - she wished only to be *"a tiny pencil in the hand of God."*

Conclusion:

Verse for May 2023 - Psalm 16:11 (ESV) *"You make known to me the path of life; in Your Presence there is fullness of joy; at Your Right Hand are pleasures forevermore."*

My Commitment: *"Lord, based upon what I heard You say to me this morning I choose to obey You by. . ."*

Our Fellowship: Before you leave ask someone: *"What did God say to you today?"*

Deuteronomy 30:14 (TM) *The Word is right here and now - as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest. Just do it!*