

“Be” Attitudes

Meekness

Review

- Jesus preached the “Sermon on the Mount” in Matthew 5, 6, & 7 and Luke 6
- He begins this sermon with the eight Beatitudes.
 - A beatitude is “the declaration of blessedness made by our Savior to particular virtues.” – Webster’s 1828
- Each is tied to a state of blessedness – “Blessed are the...”
 - This is more than just being happy or fortunate.
 - It is to be content, fulfilled, and prosperous in a spiritual and not physical sense.
- In these short phrases, Christ illustrates what the attitude of a believer should be.

Meekness

- “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.” – Matthew 5:5
- *Meekness* means “humility; resignation; submission to the divine will, without murmuring or peevishness; opposed to pride, arrogance and refractoriness [refusal to obey authority].” – Webster’s 1828
- The world is wrong to define meekness as weakness or submissiveness.
 - “Meekness is not weakness; it is power under control.” – Warren Wiersbe
- Moses is described as the meekest man on earth – Numbers 12:3
 - He was a strong man, who was a shepherd in the wilderness for 40 years – Acts 7:30
 - He was not perfect, as he could lose his temper – Exodus 2:12, Numbers 20:10-13
- Christ describes Himself as “meek and lowly in heart” – Matthew 11:29
 - He was God and had unlimited power at His command, yet He willingly subjected Himself to humanity and even death.
 - He was not a pushover – John 2:13-16
- Elements of weakness:
 - Humility – James 4:10
 - Faith and Trust in God – Psalm 37:5
 - Patience – Proverbs 16:32