

# “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 meekness:
  - Humility – James 4:10
  - Faith and Trust in God – Psalm 37:5
  - Patience – Proverbs 16:32
- “for they shall inherit the earth” – God rewards their trust in Him and not in their own strength, in both providing things necessary for life and in a greater sense a portion of Christ’s Millennial Kingdom – Psalm 37:3,11; Revelation 20:4