



#Blessed?

In Praise of Meek

Recap

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4

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The word translated as mourn in Matthew 5:4 (Gr. *πεντηεο*, *pentheo*) is the **strongest word for mourning in the Greek New Testament.**

“Woe to me!” I cried. **“I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”** Isaiah 6:5

Recap

παρακαλεο, **parakaleo**: to call to one's side, call for, summon, to address, speak to, (call to, call upon), which may be done in the way of exhortation, entreaty, comfort, instruction

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

instructed

begged

encouraged

strengthened

taught

consoled

used to preach

called for

Recap

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “**Here am I. Send me!**” **Isaiah 6:8**



Oh no

Ah ha



**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven**
Matthew 5:4

salvation-declaring our
need of a saviour

**Blessed are those who mourn, for
they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4**

called to mission-regret for the
past, hope for the future



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

The Meek

synonyms as listed in the Reader's Digest Oxford Complete Word Finder

**tame, timid, mild, bland,
unambitious, retiring, weak, docile,
acquiescent, repressed, suppressed,
spiritless, broken, and wimpish**

The Meek

“Meekness is an **unchangeable state** of mind which remains the same in honour and dishonour. Meekness is the rock overlooking the sea of irritability which breaks all the waves that dash against it, remaining itself unmoved. Meekness is the buttress of patience, the mother of love and the foundation of wisdom, It prepares the forgiveness of sins; it is boldness in prayer, an abode of the Holy Spirit. In meek hearts the Lord finds rest, but **a turbulent soul is the seat of the devil**”

**The Ladder of Divine Ascent,
Step 24, 579 AD, Saint John Climacus**

The Meek

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Martin Luther King Jr

"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right."

The Meek

He guides the **humble** in what is right and teaches them his way.

Psalm 25:9

These are the ones I look on with favour: those who are **humble** and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word. **Isaiah 66:2b**

**The meek (humble) listen to the Lord.
They don't come with an agenda**

The Meek

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. “Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the Lord heard this. **Numbers 12:1-2**

(Now Moses was a **very humble (meek)** man, more humble than **anyone else** on the face of the earth.) **vs 3**

The Meek

One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Looking this way and that and seeing no one, **he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.** Exodus 2:11-12

When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but **Moses fled** from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well. vs 15

After **forty years** had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai. Acts 7:30

The Meek

Meek

**Do not take what
God hasn't given**

**Submit themselves
to God's law**

**Elevate and
serve others**

**Sees God in
suffering**

**Strength, wealth,
prosperity are
illusions**

Weak

Take what they can

**Law applies to
those who aren't
smart enough to
find the loop holes**

**Needs to be served
and entertained**

**Sees the Devil
in suffering**

**Prosperity is
their due**

The Meek

“Meekness is often mistaken for passivity, timid reticence and a sort of an inferiority complex. But the basic element of meekness, derived from its root meaning is equilibrium—the full and complete possession of all the faculties of one’s being, an inner mastery. It has been illustrated in some lexical definitions as the captain at the helm of his ship in the midst of the storm, who, in full control of the vessel, guides the ship steadily through the storm.”

Foy E. Wallace, The Sermon on the Mount and the Civil State

Inherit

Jesus went on to say, “In a little while **you will see me no more**, and then after a little while you will see me.”

John 16:16

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! **I have overcome the world.**” vs 33

Inherit

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.” Psalm 24:1, 1 Corinthians 10:26

To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it.

Deuteronomy 10:14

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

Ephesians 1:22

For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:27

Inherit

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, **the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.**

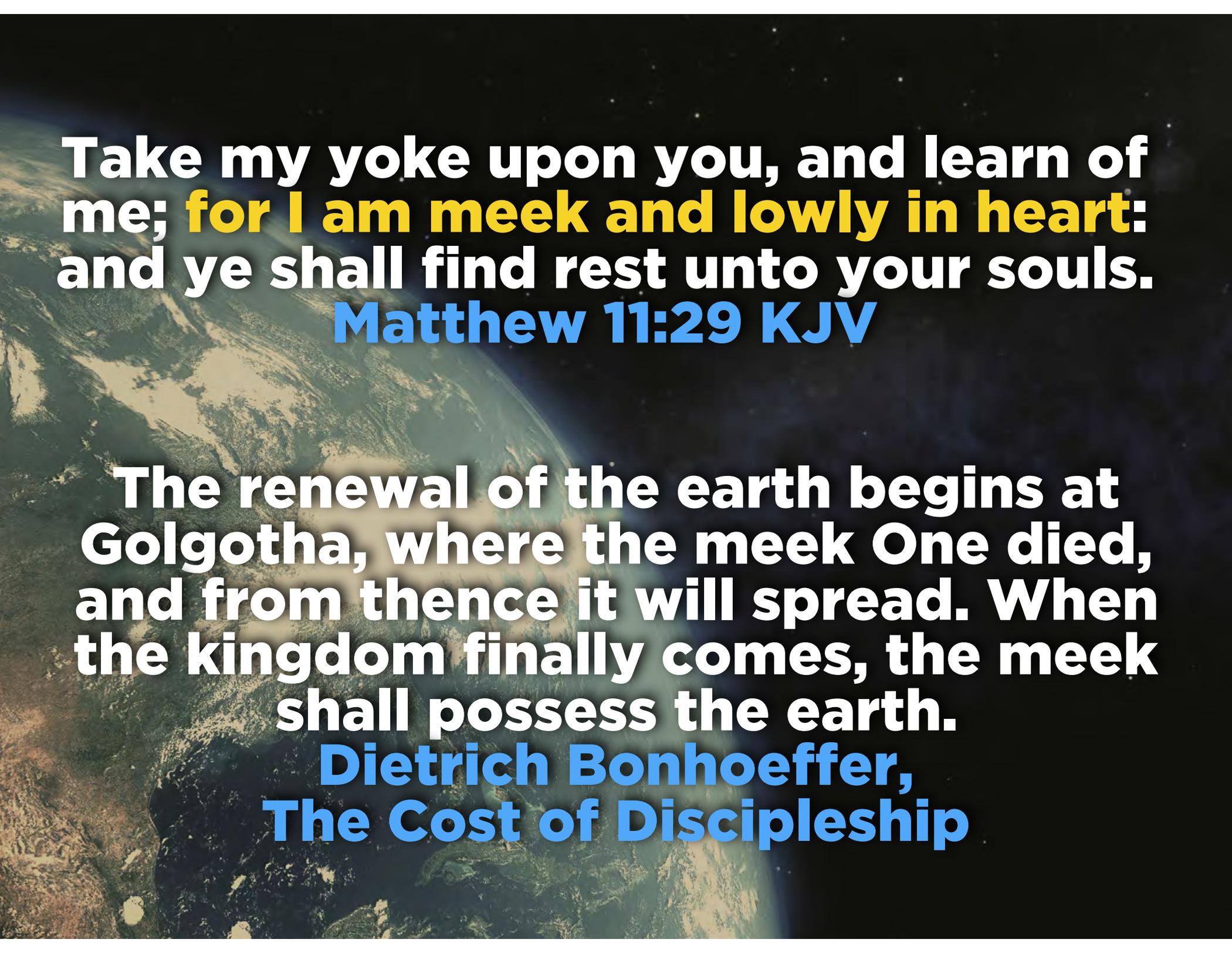
Ephesians 2:2

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **2 Corinthians 4:4**

We know that we are children of God, and that **the whole world is under the control of the evil one.** **1 John 5:19**

Inherit

Then I saw “**a new heaven and a new earth,**” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.
Revelation 21:1



Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
Matthew 11:29 KJV

The renewal of the earth begins at Golgotha, where the meek One died, and from thence it will spread. When the kingdom finally comes, the meek shall possess the earth.

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
The Cost of Discipleship**