

THE NARROW ROAD

Contending for the Holiness of God

Humility and meekness help our faith to grow by giving us the grace that we need to love unconditionally, as He loves us—a selfless love, as we walk a narrow road that so few are willing to travel upon.

HUMILITY AND MEEKNESS

1 PETER 5:5, COLOSSIANS 3:12-13, MATTHEW 5:5

Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long suffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.

There are three character attributes that we all need, if we are to be conformed into His likeness, and to become a Bride who will rule with Him in the Millennium Reign. We must be obedient, humble and teachable. If we walk in all three, God can do anything with us! But we need all three working in our lives, in order for Him to do the impossible with us.

Our obedience is the first step to becoming humble. Without it, we will not learn the discipline of clothing ourselves with humility and meekness. If we are not humble, we will not be teachable. We will not be able to receive correction, and our pride will stop us from going into the deeper things of God—to be One with Him.

PROVERBS 29:1

He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

JAMES 1:21 AMP.

So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and

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in a humble spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls.

PSALM 25:9 AMP.

He leads the humble in what is right, and the humble He teaches His way.

Yeshua tells us that it is the meek who will inherit the earth. And, it is the faithful servant found doing what the Master wants, who will rule over all His goods and distribute them to those in need. These verses refer to the Overcomers—the Bride of Messiah, who will reign with Him during the Millennium Reign [Psalm 37:11, Matthew 5:5, 24-45-47, Revelation 2:26-27, 20:4-6].

You may say, not so! But let me ask the question, “*When does a person receive an inheritance?*” Is it not always given after a death takes place? If the meek are to “inherit” the earth that means they will do so after they have died. And if after they died, and already in heaven, why would they have any need to be concerned with earthly matters? Because it is a promise to reign with Him and be a part of the first resurrection during the Millennium Reign.

Matthew 24 is all about the last days with the Lord forewarning what is to come and how we should be found when He appears. Verses 45-47 are a promise to the Overcomers to reign with Him. For the Lord tells them right before these verses about the catching away that will take place. If the catching away has taken place, why would these faithful servants have any need to rule over all their master’s goods? Because it is a promise to reign with Him during the Millennium Reign.

Humility Versus Meekness

How could we define humility? Lowly, submissive, showing that you do not think of yourself as better than other people, modest.

How could we define meekness? Strength under control. For example; a horse runs wild, beautiful to see but not much use to man. On the other hand, when bridled, the horse is useful to man.¹

Both humility and meekness are character attributes that will cause us to be transformed until Messiah has been formed within our soul. Both greatly affect our

relationship with Him and others. And, to the degree that we clothe ourselves with them, these attributes will determine to what degree we fulfill the call that is upon our lives and our destiny. True Kingdom authority is clothed in both attributes.

ISAIAH 57:15

For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones

The more time we spend in prayer, the humbler and meeker we will become by having those intimate conversations with the Lover of our souls. For when we are seeking to know the heart of God, we will find Him. And in His perfect love towards us, He shows us our faults, so that we can become like Him. That intimate fellowship with Him causes scales to fall off our hard hearts, enabling us to see what He sees about ourselves and how we treat others, whether good or bad. When we respond to the Spirit, our pride decreases and His ways increase in our lives.

Many years ago, I asked the Lord to teach me the difference between being humble and meek. Both are mentioned in the Word, but I did not know how they differed, but believed they both must be important to Him. So for months I would ask Him to teach me the difference. I knew the very first time that I asked, it was somehow going to be painful. And it was! After a very painful, difficult and humbling season, the Lord taught me that humility is when we humble ourselves before the Lord. And meekness is when we humble ourselves before others.

I can personally say, there is nothing pleasant about learning to be humble and meek. Often it is painful, embarrassing, humiliating and sometimes can feel degrading. Your flesh will die as you take up your cross and follow the Lamb’s lead. Both attributes affect our prayer time and are vital to our relationship with Him, for they affect how deep we are allowed to go in Him, just as much as our obedience. Humility and meekness help our faith to grow by giving us the grace that we need to love unconditionally, as He loves us—a selfless love, as we walk a narrow road that so few are willing to travel upon. In 2017, several years after teaching me this lesson, the Lord spoke this word to me:

“If we never become humble before Him, we will never become meek before man.”

The Washing of Our Feet

In John chapter 13:1-12, we see the Lord display great humility and meekness towards His disciples at the Passover Seder, when He took off His outer garments and washed their feet. Peter, initially, did not want Him to wash his feet, until the Lord told him that if He did not, he could not have any part of Him. Yeshua then told them that those who are bathed are already clean and they only need their feet washed. He then gives an odd command, telling them that they were to wash one another's feet and that a servant is not greater than his Master.

What was the Lord teaching them? Humility and meekness before Him and each other. When He said that those who are bathed are clean already and only need their feet washed; He was speaking of salvation. They were already bathed in the blood of the Lamb—they were saved. It is why they did not need to be “bathed” again but only their feet, because a person can only get saved once. Even if a person backslides, they cannot get saved again, they can only repent and turn back to the Lord.

The washing of our feet speaks of our earthly walk with the Lord and with others. It is why only our feet need to be washed. In that walk, our souls get soiled with the cares of this world. We can become offended, prideful, jealous, disobedient to His ways. The Lord washing their feet, speaks of keeping short accounts by coming humbly before Him daily and confessing our faults and our sin to Him. When we do, the blood will wash away our filth. Our walk will stay pure before Him [1John 1:8-9].

JAMES 5:16

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

The washing of one another's feet speaks of when we are to show someone their fault or sin, in love, with lips full of truth and grace. It is the removal of our outer garment, where we let our undergarments get soiled, in order to bring deliverance and healing to others. It takes great humility and meekness to be able to do that in a way where correction can be heard and received. Equally, it takes great humility and meekness for a person to receive correction. In the natural, most people are uncomfortable having someone else wash their feet. Why? Because most feet are not very pleasant to look at! It is the same

with our spiritual washings, but necessary if we are to walk upon the highway of holiness.

It is why He gave this example, saying they were to do as He did. Life is all about relationship. He knew there were going to be times that they would take offense with one another, or not walk as they ought and would need to be corrected and bring correction to one another. For our souls are flawed and do not always see where we are stumbling. We need each other to help us find our way out of the darkness. The Lord displayed great humility and meekness when He washed their soiled feet. He took off His outer garments – laying aside His identity, so He could identify with their brokenness and bring the cleansing and refreshment they needed to keep walking with Him and with each other. It is a display of pure, intimate relationship with the Lord and with others.

MATTHEW 11:29 AMP.

Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find (rest relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.

If our relationships with one another are tainted in any way; if we have aught in our heart—anything negative towards anyone, He cannot receive our sacrifice of prayer. It is why our humility and meekness before Him and each other are vital to becoming the Bride of Messiah and being able to touch His noble heart in that deep place of intercessory prayer.

MATTHEW 5:23-24

Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

MARK 11:25-26

And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Our meekness, or lack of it, affects our relationships either for good or bad. It is important that we can be transparent with one another and learn to communicate with each other kindly and without taking offense, so that we can remain in intimate

fellowship with each other. Satan works overtime, wanting us to believe the worst about others, with his goal to divide us. Humbleness and meekness are powerful weapons of warfare that destroy that evil counsel, when we talk with each other in patient, steadfast love and not in judgment.

Visitation

In 2014, I had a visitation from the Lord, where He came and placed upon me a cape-like garment around my shoulders. This garment was not attractive. It was drab in color, a dull brown, a bit frumpy, and rough in texture, like burlap. Its length was to my elbows and it fastened around my neck. Although it was not much to look at, I really loved it! And it fit me perfectly. He then spoke about the Robe of Humility:

"Daughter, I have placed upon you My Robe of Humility. I will teach you My ways so that you can understand Me and know Me so you can fulfill your destiny. It is painful to be rejected, to be loved or liked one day and disposed of the next day. This is the heart of man that has not chosen My ways. This is the heart of man whose mind has not been renewed. These painful lessons are for your good to enable you to endure. Although you have tasted and walked through much sorrow, affliction and rejection. There is a different sorrow that comes when it is from those who say they love Me, or know Me. Your tears have comforted Me. Many hearts are only going to grow colder in the days to come. There are few vessels who will yield to this suffering. It is not easy teaching others. It cannot be done in one's own strength and not all, actually very few are called to be teachers, for some of the very reasons you have that has caused you great sorrow. Too many teach from their souls. They do not know Me and create more problems for those earnestly wanting truth. I AM the One Who called you and chose you in the furnace of affliction. Few are willing to teach My Word in purity, in holiness, without compromise. I will not fail you. Do not be anxious, do not compare yourselves to others. Keep your eyes on Me. Stay low and broken before Me. Fear not man, but the One who can destroy both the body and the soul. The laborers are few and the harvest is ready. We are in a battle for souls. The warfare will be intense, but I will equip My Bride with everything she needs to fight this battle with Me. All that I have is hers and she is all Mine. Many have been called to be My Bride – very few, sadly, will be chosen. This brings great sadness to My heart, but great joy to those who have considered

Me worthy, worth knowing. Who have and are willing to pay any price to be One with Me."

The Robe of Humility

Later that same evening, after a time of worship, I was thanking the Lord for this garment, telling Him how it was the most beautiful garment, robe that He could ever give me. And that I did not care what others may think of it, and how much I loved it. I treasured it and wanted to wear it everywhere with everything—despite what anyone may think of how it looks. It was the most beautiful garment that I could have ever been given, not believing that I was truly worthy to wear it. As I was marveling at this gift, the Lord further spoke about the Robe of Humility, saying:

"Very few earn the right, the privilege to wear this Robe. There is a high price to be paid for it and few are willing to pay that price. Many tell Me they want My humility but when I bring circumstances into their lives to allow them to walk in My humility, they do not want it, they want their pride, they do not want to humble themselves before others, they are not willing to be corrected. When someone asks Me for humility, it is not automatic. It has to be earned through trials and circumstances; it is the only way to receive it. You have asked Me for years to "clothe you in layers and layers of My Robes of humility and meekness." Today I put My Robe of Humility around you. You did not really understand what that looked like when you have asked this of Me, but you knew it was necessary. And through the different circumstances in your life, you have earned this Robe. Most think it is something I will do for them, that it will automatically happen, but that is not so. They have to choose to walk in humility and as they prove to be faithful in this, they earn the right to wear this Robe. You have paid a high price to wear this Robe. You are baffled, you never saw it this way until now. It starts with a heart that asks Me for humility but at that time it is not granted; what is granted is to bring that person through situations that will bring them to the place of being able to wear this Robe. They will decide in the choices they make. You are remembering when I came to you after asking you to come be My Bride, when I visited you a week later and I gave you the first key. I had told you it was the Key of Humility and that you must learn to walk in it or it is impossible to do My works, impossible for you to do what I have called you to do. You have never forgotten that and have been faithful to ask Me to help you be humble, to be meek, to surrender

your will for Mine all these years. This Robe will give you the grace you need to overcome in the past where you felt you had failed, and the grace you need to overcome harder testings to stay humble and meek."

ISAIAH 66:2

For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist, says the Lord. But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.

God is Attracted to the Meek

God is attracted to the meek and works His eternal purposes through them. He loves to use small things to accomplish His great purposes. Being meek causes the favor of the Lord to come upon our lives. May we not misunderstand what it means to have God's favor. Mary, Abel, Noah, were all were favored by the Lord. Lot was favored and escaped the wrath of God, but lost most things dear to him. Joseph was favored, yet his brothers sold him into slavery and he spent 22 years in prison. When God's favor comes, it births something new in our lives, where nothing is ever the same again. We see that in the lives of those mentioned.

God's favor means difficulty, hardship, pressure, persecution, betrayal, rejection, pain, trials and tribulation. Paul taught that it was with much hardship and tribulation that one must enter the Kingdom of God [Acts 14:22]. Most teach or believe in the Church that God's favor means: being prosperous, nice house, cars, money in their bank account. That is not favor from God, but God's blessings, for all things come from Him.

God's favor in our lives means that at some point everything changes, and it will never be the same again. God rocks our world and everything gets flipped upside down. The course of our lives changes drastically, with one purpose wanting to birth His eternal plans in and through us. And while we are learning to die to self, He is restoring us back to that place of intimate fellowship that Adam and Eve had with Him in the Garden before the fall, who were filled with His glory and clothed in His Light. For that is His plan for those willing to walk in purity, humility and meekness before a holy God and with each other.²

Embracing Our Trials

As we travel the narrow road, we must learn to embrace our trials, for this earth is our training

ground, all training us to reign with Him. So we must be intentional in the choices we make and how we spend our time, every day. We must ask Him to teach us to be humble and meek. And to give us the grace, courage, humility and obedience—whatever we need, to walk in it in our relationships that we may become like Him.

It will be painful as our pride dies, but I promise it will be worth it! And as our pride dies, we will be promoted. But not a material gain, instead a spiritual gain to become more like Him. For the Robe of Humility will clothe our lives, enabling us to stand in His holy place. For His Bride cannot stand in His holy place without being clothed in this garment.

Yet, this garment will not be attractive to our flesh. It will not compliment us and tell us everything is okay, when it is not. It will not be made of the finest fabric and make us feel comfortable. Instead, it will be rough against our skin causing our flesh to die to our needs, wants and ambitions. It will not be comfortable to wear, but worth whatever it may cost us to 'buy' it!

Beloved, as we contend for the holiness of God to permeate every area of our lives, we will often be tempted to toss this garment aside. And especially when we are going through painful and difficult situations, that expose our sin and character flaws to ourselves, and to others. May His rivers of grace—His strength and abilities, flow in us and through us, and give us what we need to finish the race that has been set before us, all the while being clothed in the Robe of Humility. For without it, we will not become a pure and spotless Bride, who will reign with Him, for all of eternity. AMEN!

ENDNOTES

- 1 Nita Johnson, *World for Jesus Ministries*, author's notes from one of the Gathering of the Eagles teaching sessions.
- 2 Tracy Hogan, *Touching the Heart of God*, (Kenmare, IE: The Voice of My Beloved, 2023) 37-38, 41-48, 50

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