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THE INHERITANCE OF THE MEEK

What did Jesus mean when he said in Matthew 5:5, ***“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”***?

Before considering that inheritance, let us first see the meaning of meek. The dictionary gives today's meaning as not easily angered, mild, and patient. The obsolete (former) meaning found in the King James English means gentle, courteous, kind, and for those in leadership it meant merciful and compassionate.

The scripture says Moses was the meekest of all men, yet he was a great leader. Meek does not mean to submit tamely when ordered about. Moses was strong, yet meek and humble. The Greek New Testament word is “praotes” meaning mildness. The Hebrew word is “anav” meaning humble. Meekness and humility are essentially of the same character.

Jesus came as a servant during his time on earth. He humbled himself to leave heaven's throne and live as a human like us.

Meek and humble are said to be one of the greatest qualities we can manifest. It reflects the nature of Christ within us, our Christlikeness. This is the kind of Christ-follower who will inherit the earth.

What is this inheritance? Surely, we are not inheriting this present world that is under Satan's dominion. I believe it is the new earth spoken of in Revelation 21:1. The old earth of today has been destroyed and a new earth created where we, the righteous redeemed, will rule and reign as kings and priests under Christ. We inherit this new earth forever. There is much in the New Testament about this including Peter's description.

We can also get hints of it from the Old Testament. Proverbs 10:30 says, ***“The righteous shall never be removed”*** as we inhabit the new earth, ***“but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.”*** There will be no sinners in the new earth. Satan will have been cast eternally into the lake of fire. The new earth is inherited by the righteous, the meek, and the humble servants of Christ who are now elevated as priestly kings, rulers, like unto the spirit of the great leader Moses.

Our inheritance is great. Heaven as we know it today is our temporary home and the new earth will be our permanent home with Christ forever and forever.