

Lesson 6

Examples of Meekness

There are two notable cases of meekness in the Bible. This is not to say that these are the only cases. Obviously, they are not. However, these two are cases where the word “meekness” is used.

Moses

“Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men that were upon the face of the earth” (Num. 12:3, ASV, KJV). The NKJV uses the word “humble” here. The characteristics of Moses’ meekness were:

- He suffered patiently those who opposed him (Num. 12:1-15; 16:1-50).
- He controlled himself (Num. 12:1-15). There is no indication that Moses “flew off” and got mad.
- He was submissive to God (Exod. 34:1, 4).
- He was humble (Exod. 4:10).
- Yet, he was a man of courage and strength (Exod. 32:19-21).

Jesus

Jesus said, “I am meek and lowly in heart” (Matt. 11:29; cf. Matt. 21:5 [ASV & KJV] and 2 Cor. 10:1). Jesus, like Moses, demonstrated the qualities of meekness.

- He was submissive to the will of his Father (Matt. 26:39, 42).
- He suffered patiently (1 Pet. 2:21-23).
- He dealt gently with sinners and his enemies (Luke 23:34).

There are two notable examples of meekness in the Bible: Moses and Jesus.

- He was humble (Phil. 2:6-8).
- He was not spineless, but firmly dealt with sinners with righteous indignation (Matt. 23; John 2:13-17).

Other examples in both the Old and New Testaments can be found. Though the word “meek” may not be used to describe them, they were meek if they had the qualities of meekness.

Having seen what meekness is and how it worked in the lives of Moses and Jesus, we will next consider how it applies to our lives.



Questions

1. What qualities did Moses have that made him meek? _____

2. What qualities did Jesus have that made him meek? _____

3. List some other Old Testament characters who were meek and give their qualities. _____

4. List some other New Testament characters who were meek and give their qualities. _____

5. What opposition did Moses face? _____

NOTES

Find the Passage

1. "Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men that were upon the face of the earth." _____
2. "Then Moses said to the Lord, 'O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.'" _____
3. "Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—who in presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you." _____
4. "Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass" (KJV). _____
5. What practical conclusions do you draw from these examples of meekness? _____
