

## ~MEEKNESS (371)

[Hebrew, *a-naw*']

.. Moses

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▪ **A mildness of temper, without haughtiness or vanity.** The mental disposition that enables one to endure injury with patience and without irritation, resentment, or vindictive retaliation.

▪ It is a close companion of and seldom found separate from such other virtues as **humility, lowliness of mind, and gentleness**. The Hebrew word translated, meek, *a-naw*' comes from the root '*a-nah*', which means, afflict, humble, humiliate.

See Also HUMILITY

See Also MILDNESS

▪ In the Bible, **meekness** is emphasized as ones mental attitude first of all toward God, then toward fellow creatures. For example, it is written: The **meek** ones will certainly increase their rejoicing in Yehowah himself.

▪ And the **meek** ones will certainly increase their rejoicing in Yehowah himself, and even the poor ones of mankind will be joyful in the Holy One of Israel himself. (**Isaiah 29:19**)

▪ **Meek** persons are teachable, Yehowah will teach the **meek** ones his way.

▪ He will cause the **meek** ones to walk in his judicial decision, and he will teach the **meek** ones his way. (**Psalms 25:9**)

▪ And they are willing to endure discipline from the hand of God, though such is grievous at the time.

▪ In carrying on your contest against that sin you have never yet resisted as far as blood. (**Hebrews 12:4**)

▪ But you have entirely forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons; My son, do not belittle the discipline from Yehowah, neither give out when you are corrected by him. (**Hebrews 12:5**)

- For whom Yehowah loves he disciplines, in fact, he scourges every one whom he receives as a son. (**Hebrews 12:6**)
- It is for discipline you are enduring. God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is he that a father does not discipline? (**Hebrews 12:7**)
- But if you are without the discipline of which all have become partakers, you are really illegitimate children, and not sons. (**Hebrews 12:8**)
- Furthermore, we used to have fathers who were of our flesh to discipline us, and we used to give them respect. Shall we not much more subject ourselves to the Father of our spiritual life and live? (**Hebrews 12:9**)
- For they for a few days used to discipline us according to what seemed good to them, but he does so for our profit that we may partake of his holiness. (**Hebrews 12:10**)
- True, no discipline seems for the present to be joyous, but grievous, yet afterward to those who have been trained by it, it yields peaceable fruit, namely, righteousness. (**Hebrews 12:11**)
- **Meekness** causes persons to wait upon Yehowah to right the wrongs and injuries unjustly suffered, instead of becoming heated up with anger.
- Let anger alone and leave rage, do not show yourself heated up only to do evil. (**Psalms 37:8**)
- For evildoers themselves will be cut off, but those hoping in Yehowah are the ones that will possess the earth. (**Psalms 37:9**)
- And just a little while longer, and the wicked one will be no more, and you will certainly give attention to his place, and he will not be. (**Psalms 37:10**)
- But the meek ones themselves will possess the earth, and they will indeed find their exquisite delight in the abundance of peace. (**Psalms 37:11**)

- Such persons are not disappointed, for Yehowah's appointed one, the twig out of the stump of Jesse, will give reproof in righteousness in behalf of the **meek** ones of the earth.
- And there must go forth a twig out of the stump of Jesse, and out of his roots a sprout will be fruitful. (**Isaiah 11:1**)
- And upon him the spirit of Yehowah must settle down, the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of mightiness, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yehowah. (**Isaiah 11:2**)
- And there will be enjoyment by him in the fear of Yehowah. And he will not judge by any mere appearance to his eyes, nor reprove simply according to the thing heard by his ears. (**Isaiah 11:3**)
- And with righteousness he must judge the lowly ones, and with uprightness he must give reproof in behalf of the meek ones of the earth. And he must strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the spirit of his lips he will put the wicked one to death. (**Isaiah 11:4**)

## •• **Moses**

- Moses was just such a man, by far the **meekest** of all the men who were upon the surface of the ground, one who could take criticism without resentment.
- And the man Moses was by far the **meekest** of all the men who were upon the surface of the ground. (**Numbers 12:3**)
- The occasion of this comment on his **meekness** was the time when Miriam and Aaron murmured against Moses. In reality, it was an uncalled-for complaint against Yehowah and one that he quickly took note of and reproved.
- Now Miriam and Aaron began to speak against Moses on account of the Cushite wife whom he had taken, because it was a Cushite wife he had taken. (**Numbers 12:1**)
- And they kept saying; Is it just by Moses alone that Yehowah has spoken? Is it not by us also that he has spoken? And Yehowah was listening. (**Numbers 12:2**)

- **And the man Moses was by far the meekest of all the men who were upon the surface of the ground. (Numbers 12:3)**
- **Then Yehowah suddenly said to Moses and Aaron and Miriam; Go out, the three of you, to the tent of meeting. So the three of them went out. (Numbers 12:4)**
- **After that Yehowah came down in the pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent and called Aaron and Miriam. At this both of them went out. (Numbers 12:5)**
- **And he went on to say; Hear my words, please. If there came to be a prophet of yours for Yehowah, it would be in a vision I would make myself known to him. In a dream I would speak to him. (Numbers 12:6)**
- **Not so my servant Moses! He is being entrusted with all my house. (Numbers 12:7)**
- **Mouth to mouth I speak to him, thus showing him, and not by riddles, and the appearance of Yehowah is what he beholds. Why, then, did you not fear to speak against my servant, against Moses? (Numbers 12:8)**
- **And Yehowah's anger got to be hot against them, and he went his way. (Numbers 12:9)**
- **And the cloud turned away from over the tent, and, look! Miriam was struck with leprosy as white as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and, look! She was struck with leprosy. (Numbers 12:10)**
- **Immediately Aaron said to Moses; Excuse me, my lord! Do not, please, attribute to us the sin in which we have acted foolishly and which we have committed! (Numbers 12:11)**
- **Please, do not let her continue like someone dead, whose flesh at the time of his coming out of his mother's womb is half eaten off! (Numbers 12:12)**
- **And Moses began to cry out to Yehowah, saying; O God, please! Heal her, please! (Numbers 12:13)**

- Then Yehowah said to Moses; Were her father to spit directly in her face, would she not be humiliated seven days? Let her be quarantined seven days outside the camp, and afterward let her be received in. (**Numbers 12:14**)
- Accordingly Miriam was quarantined outside the camp seven days, and the people did not pull away until Miriam was received in. (**Numbers 12:15**)
- Some commentators charge that for Moses to record this reference to his own **meekness** was unjustified self-praise. Other critics claim the statement was added later by someone else, while still others offer this as evidence that Moses did not write the Pentateuch after all.
- However, **Cooks Commentary** says concerning these words: **When we regard them as uttered by Moses not *proprio motu*, or of his own initiative, but under the direction of the Holy Spirit which was upon him [cf. xi. 17], they exhibit a certain objectivity, which is a witness at once to their genuineness and also to their inspiration.**
- There is about these words, as also about the passages in which Moses no less unequivocally records his own faults [cf. xx. 12 sqq. (Exodus iv. 24 sqq. Deuteronomy i. 37)], the simplicity of one who bare witness of himself, but not to himself [cf. St. Matthew xi. 28,29].
- Now it came about on the road at the lodging place that Yehowah got to meet him and kept looking for a way to put him to death. (**Exodus 4:24**)
- Even against me Yehowah got incensed on your account, saying; You too will not go in there. (**Deuteronomy 1:37**)
- Come to me, all you who are toiling and loaded down, and I will refresh you. (**Matthew 11:28**)
- Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am mild-tempered and lowly in heart, and you will find refreshment for your souls. (**Matthew 11:29**)
- The words are inserted to explain how it was that Moses took no steps to vindicate himself, and why consequently the Lord so promptly intervened.

## **.. Jesus Christ**

- **Jesus demonstrated **meekness** by enduring all manner of personal injury without a word of complaint, even allowing himself to be led to the slaughter as a lamb without opening his mouth in protest.**
- **Keep this mental attitude in you that was also in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:5)**
- **Who, although he was existing in God's form, gave no consideration to a seizure, namely, that he should be equal to God. (Philippians 2:6)**
- **No, but he emptied himself and took a slaves form and came to be in the likeness of men. (Philippians 2:7)**
- **More than that, when he found himself in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient as far as death, yes, death on a torture stake. (Philippians 2:8)**
- **As we look intently at the Chief Agent and Perfecter of our faith, Jesus. For the joy that was set before him he endured a torture stake, despising shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)**
- **Now the passage of Scripture that he was reading aloud was this; As a sheep he was brought to the slaughter, and as a lamb that is voiceless before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. (Acts of Apostles 8:32)**
- **During his humiliation the judgment was taken away from him. Who will tell the details of his generation? Because his life is taken away from the earth. (Acts of Apostles 8:33)**
- **In answer the eunuch said to Philip; I beg you, About whom does the prophet say this? About himself or about some other man? (Acts of Apostles 8:34)**
- **Philip opened his mouth and, starting with this Scripture, he declared to him the Good News about Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 8:35)**
- **He was hard pressed, and he was letting himself be afflicted, yet he would not open his mouth. He was being brought just like a**

sheep to the slaughtering, and like a ewe that before her shearers has become mute, he also would not open his mouth. (Isaiah 53:7)

- This Greater-than-Moses also recommended himself to others as a meek or mild-tempered person. AS, KJ, ED, NW, Ro
- Come to me, all you who are toiling and loaded down, and I will refresh you. (Matthew 11:28)
- Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am mild-tempered and lowly in heart, and you will find refreshment for your souls. (Matthew 11:29)
- The spirit of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah is upon me, for the reason that Yehowah has anointed me to tell Good News to the meek ones. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to those taken captive and the wide opening of the eyes even to the prisoners. (Isaiah 61:1)
- Foretold, he was anointed with Yehowah's spirit to tell Good News to the meek ones. After reading this prophecy in the synagogue of his hometown of Nazareth, Jesus declared; Today this scripture that you just heard is fulfilled.
- And he came to Nazareth, where he had been reared, and, according to his custom on the Sabbath day, he entered into the synagogue, and he stood up to read. (Luke 4:16)
- So the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed him, and he opened the scroll and found the place where it was written: (Luke 4:17)
- Yehowah's spirit is upon me, because he anointed me to declare Good News to the poor, he sent me forth to preach a release to the captives and a recovery of sight to the blind, to send the crushed ones away with a release. (Luke 4:18)
- To preach Yehowah's acceptable year. (Luke 4:19)
- With that he rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue were intently fixed upon him. (Luke 4:20)

- Then he started to say to them; Today this scripture that you just heard is fulfilled. ([Luke 4:21](#))
- In thus sending his beloved Son to teach the **meek** concerning salvation, God was indeed showing them very special favor.
- For Yehowah is taking pleasure in his people. He beautifies the meek ones with salvation. ([Psalms 149:4](#))
- If it has to do with ridiculers, he himself will deride, but to the meek ones he will show favor. ([Proverbs 3:34](#))

### .. Brings Benefits

- The invitation expressed by the prophet Zephaniah is still extended to **meek** persons of the earth.
- Seek Yehowah, all you **meek** ones of the earth, who have practiced His own judicial decision. Seek righteousness, seek **meekness**. Probably you may be concealed in the day of Yehowah's anger. ([Zephaniah 2:3](#)) Footnote
- Above and beyond that are other wonderful promises extended to such ones. For example.
- But the **meek** ones themselves will possess the earth, and they will indeed find their exquisite delight in the abundance of peace. ([Psalms 37:11](#))
- In both a spiritual and a literal sense, the **meek** ones will eat and be satisfied.
- The **meek** ones will eat and be satisfied, those seeking him will praise Yehowah. May your hearts live forever. ([Psalms 22:26](#))
- So, in contrast with the wicked who lead the **meek** astray and seek to destroy them.
- They are panting for the dust of the earth on the head of lowly persons, and the way of **meek** people they turn aside, and a man and his own father have gone to the same girl, for the purpose of profaning my holy name. ([Amos 2:7](#))
- Hear this, you men snapping at someone poor, even in order to

cause the **meek** ones of the earth to cease. (**Amos 8:4**)

- **Yehowah listens to their heartfelt desires by answering their prayers, their hope in Yehowah is not disappointed.**
- **The desire of the **meek** ones you will certainly hear, O Yehowah. You will prepare their heart. You will pay attention with your ear. (**Psalms 10:17**)**
- **For not always will the poor one be forgotten, nor will the hope of the meek ones ever perish. (**Psalms 9:18**)**
- **It is a true Proverb.**
- **Better is it to be lowly in spirit with the meek ones than to divide spoil with the self-exalted ones. (**Proverbs 16:19**)**