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MATTHEW 5:5

I SAMUEL 24: 1-19

"HAPPY WHEN I AM MEEK"

WHEN JESUS PREACHED THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT HE TAUGHT THE APOSTLES MANY IMPORTANT LESSONS ABOUT HOW TO LOVE GOD AND BE GOOD WORKERS FOR HIM. JESUS ALSO TAUGHT THE APOSTLES HOW TO ACT, WHAT KIND OF PERSON THEY SHOULD BE.

JESUS SAID, "BLESSED ARE THE MEEK: FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH." (MATTHEW 5:5). A PERSON WHO IS "MEEK" IS A KIND, GENTLE PERSON.

JESUS WAS TEACHING THE APOSTLES THAT TO BE "MEEK" MEANS TO BE KIND AND GENTLE. A MEEK PERSON DOES NOT CAUSE TROUBLE OR GET MAD ALL THE TIME.

A MEEK PERSON KNOWS HIS WAY IS NOT THE MOST IMPORTANT WAY. A MEEK PERSON THINKS ABOUT OBEYING JESUS AND HELPING OTHERS FIRST.

* A MEEK PERSON CAN BE STRONG AND BRAVE AND STILL BE GENTLE AND KIND AT THE SAME TIME. A MEEK PERSON IS STRONG AND BRAVE BUT ALWAYS KIND, NOT MEAN. A MEEK PERSON CAN PROTECT HIMSELF IF SOMEONE TRIES TO BE MEAN TO HIM; BUT A MEEK PERSON DOES NOT GO AROUND TALKING MEAN OR STARTING FIGHTS.

BEING MEEK MEANS HAVING LOVE IN YOUR HEART AND SHOWING THAT LOVE BY BEING

KIND AND GENTLE. JESUS WANTED HIS APOSTLES TO BE MEEK. JESUS, ALSO, WANTS YOU TO BE MEEK, AND HE WANTS ME TO BE MEEK.

WHEN JESUS SAID THE MEEK "SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH," HE WAS TELLING WHAT WILL HAPPEN SOMEDAY.

JESUS LIVED ON THE EARTH AND PREACHED AND TAUGHT TILL HE WAS CRUCIFIED ON THE CROSS. JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM CAN BE SAVED. AFTER JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS, GOD MADE HIM ALIVE AGAIN AFTER 3 DAYS. (I CORIN 6:14; ACTS 2:24). (ACTS 3:15; ACTS 10:40)

NOW JESUS LIVES IN HEAVEN WITH GOD. BUT SOMEDAY JESUS WILL COME BACK FROM HEAVEN AND GET ALL THE SAVED PEOPLE (AND BABIES AND LITTLE CHILDREN SO YOUNG THEY ARE TOO YOUNG TO BE SAVED YET). ALL THE SAVED PEOPLE AND BABIES & LITTLE CHILDREN WILL THEN LIVE WITH THE LORD JESUS FOREVER. (ACTS 1:11; I THESS. 4:16-17)

AND WHEN JESUS HAS COME BACK AND TAKEN ALL THE SAVED PEOPLE ON EARTH TO BE WITH HIM AND ALL THE OTHER SAVED PEOPLE (FROM ALL THE EARLIER TIMES ON EARTH) THEN SOMEDAY JESUS WILL BRING ALL THE SAVED PEOPLE BACK TO LIVE ON THE NEW EARTH. THE SAVED PEOPLE WILL THEN HAVE THE EARTH AS THEIR VERY OWN. THAT IS WHAT JESUS MEANT WHEN HE SAID THE MEEK "SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH."