Session 4
Blessed are the Meek

I. Review

- **A. A Vibrant Flowing Heart** – soul that is moving forward in sanctification.
- **B. Poor in Spirit**
- **C. Mourning for His Presence**

II. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth

- **A.** Humble, Lowly, Afflicted, Gentle
- **B. Meek**
  1. Isaiah 11:4 – He will decide w/fairness for the meek of the earth
  2. Isaiah 29:19 – The meek will increase their gladness in the Lord
  3. Num 12:3 – Moses was the most meek of all those in the earth
  4. Rom 12:16 – Associate with the lowly (meek) – do not be haughty
- **C. Meekness is not weakness**
  1. Power under control
  2. Restraining power for the accomplishment of a higher cause
  3. Weakness is absence of strength.
  4. Meekness is possessing power, yet restraining its use, particularly for our own advantage.
  5. Not personality trait – not about being laid-back.
  6. Not timidness, cowering fear
- **D. Meekness is the Spirit empowered response to fixing our gaze on Jesus**
  1. Become aware of His meekness and the significance of the value that God puts upon meekness in His Kingdom.
  2. Beholding Principle – 2 Cor 3:18

E. *"The essence of meekness is rooted in who we are preoccupied with. The meek are preoccupied with Jesus as their source and owner of everything they possess. Therefore, they are grateful for it and they use it with a servant spirit and with generosity. By nature, we are preoccupied with ourselves and with the sense that we deserve more honor, money, and favor than we receive. This results in a sense of entitlement that complains and demands more privileges and honor because of how we esteem our gifting, accomplishments, dedication, or position." Mike Bickle*

III. Mt 11:28 – I am meek & humble of heart – my yoke unto rest

A. Jesus is the very model of meekness

B. Josh 1:13 – Yahweh will give you rest and give you this land

C. Jer 6:16 – Find rest for your souls

D. Heb 4:11 be diligent to enter that rest

IV. How did Jesus model this for us?

A. Phil 2 – He stepped down and took on the form of a bondservant

B. All powerful, yet He restrained Himself in submission to the Father

1. Genesis 1 God
2. Pilate Jn 19:8-12 & Joshua – Josh 5:13-15
3. Jesus washed Judas' feet Jn 13:5-27
4. Jesus' meekness today

V. Why is this important to His kingdom?

A. His is an inside outside, upside down Kingdom

1. Mark 9:35 – Servant of all

B. Meekness is the magnet that attracts God's favor

1. James 4:1-10 –He is looking for humble to exalt.
2. 1 Pet 5:5-7 God … gives grace to the humble (meek).

VI. The promise of inheriting the earth speaks of having influence and impact. It is partially fulfilled in this life and completely fulfilled in the age to come (Mt. 19:28; Rev. 3:21; 5:10; 20:4-6).

A. Jer 27:5 I have made the earth and I will give it to the one who is pleasing in my sight.

B. Jn 8:29 Jesus did what was pleasing to the Father

C. 2 Cor 5:9 Our ambition is to please the Father

D. Eph 5:10 Learn what is pleasing to God

E. I Jn 3:22 Walk to please Him, bring him pleasure

VII. Ps 37

A. 8-9: Refrain from anger… those who wait for Yahweh will inherit the earth

B. 11: but the meek will inherit the earth and delight themselves in abundant shalom

C. 29: the righteous shall inherit the earth and dwell upon it forever

D. 34: Wait for Yahweh and keep His way, and He will exalt you to inherit the earth; you will watch when the wicked are cut off.

VIII. Go low