

**"SURRENDER"  
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**MY NOTES . . . . .**

**Matthew 5:5**

"Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth."

**Michael Green**

*The Message of Matthew*

"To follow Jesus demands a totally different way of life, and is vital for the people of God. Right at the outset of his ministry Jesus lays it on the line. The new age has dawned. And the Sermon shows what human life is like after repentance and commitment to the Coming King. In a word, life is very different. The injunction 'Do not be like them' (Matthew 6:8) encapsulates the tone of the whole Sermon. A sharp contrast is constantly being drawn between the standards of Jesus and those of all others. Here we meet a distinctive lifestyle, with radically different values and ambitions."

**Haddon Robinson**

"The word meek in Greek does not mean 'meek and mild.' Aristotle used the word for the 'golden mean.' It was the point between extreme anger and extreme angerlessness. A meek person in the Greek sense of the term was controlled and balanced, getting angry at the right things at the right time. Injustice in the world, not personal insults, mattered to this person."

**John MacArthur**

*Commentary on Matthew*

Meekness does not use its power for its own defense or selfish purpose. Meekness is power completely surrendered to God's control.

**Questions to consider:**

Have I surrendered myself to God's sovereignty over the affairs and circumstances of my life? Or, do I seek my own advantages, take my own revenge, and defend myself, rather than trust in God's sovereignty?

What's an example of how meekness has been displayed in my life?

If I really lived a selfless life, how would it look differently than it does today?

Why is being selfless and surrendered to God's sovereignty so difficult in today's culture?

How will developing this attitude toward the world change my life?