



IN HIS IMAGE

GENTLENESS

THE IMAGE OF GOD: THEN AND NOW

- AT CREATION: GOOD BUT INCOMPLETE
- POST FALL: MARRED AND BLURRY
- AFTER RETURN OF CHRIST: COMPLETE AND PERFECT

WORK OF THE SPIRIT

- ^{NAS} **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT.
- ^{NAS} **GALATIANS 5:22** BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, ²³ GENTLENESS ...

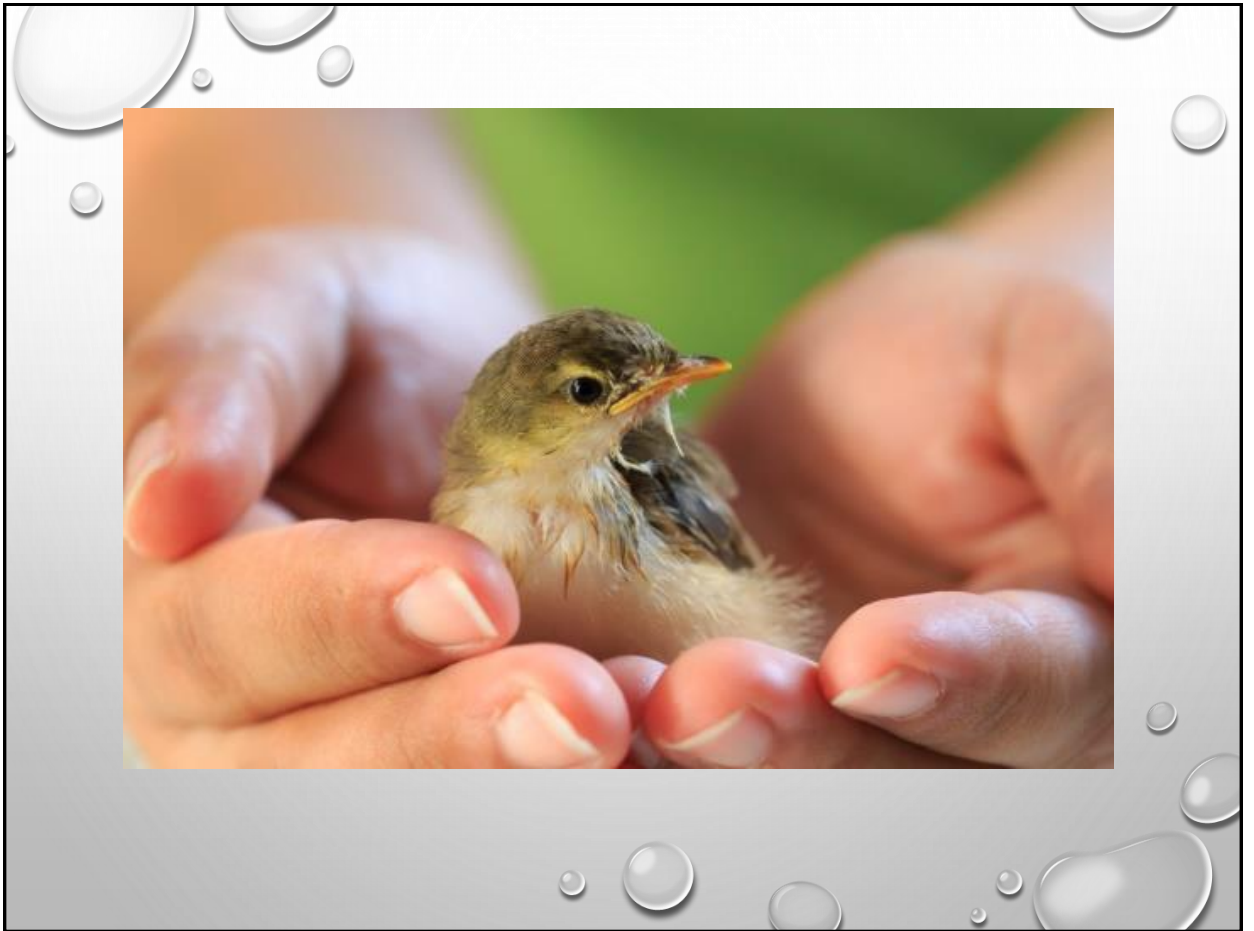


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2. NOT SEVERE, ROUGH, OR VIOLENT; MILD:







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- GENTLE HAS REFERENCE ESPECIALLY TO DISPOSITION AND BEHAVIOR, AND OFTEN SUGGESTS A DELIBERATE OR VOLUNTARY KINDNESS OR FORBEARANCE IN DEALING WITH OTHERS.
- GENTLE, MEEK, MILD REFER TO AN ABSENCE OF BAD TEMPER OR BELLIGERENCE.

BIBLICAL MEEKNESS

- MEEK
 - STRONG BUT ACCOMMODATING

- MEEKNESS
 - STRENGTH THAT ACCOMMODATES TO ANOTHER'S WEAKNESS
 - OPPOSITE OF ANGER

DEFINING GOD'S GENTLENESS

- ^{ESV} **PSALM 45:3** GIRD YOUR SWORD ON YOUR THIGH, O MIGHTY ONE, IN YOUR SPLENDOR AND MAJESTY! ⁴ IN YOUR MAJESTY RIDE OUT VICTORIOUSLY FOR THE CAUSE OF TRUTH AND MEEKNESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS; LET YOUR RIGHT HAND TEACH YOU AWESOME DEEDS! ⁵ YOUR ARROWS ARE SHARP IN THE HEART OF THE KING'S ENEMIES; THE PEOPLES FALL UNDER YOU. ⁶ YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER. THE SCEPTER OF YOUR KINGDOM IS A SCEPTER OF UPRIGHTNESS;

GOD'S GENTLENESS IN ACTION

- ^{ESV} **GENESIS 18:20** THEN THE LORD SAID, "... THE OUTCRY AGAINST SODOM AND GOMORRAH IS GREAT AND THEIR SIN IS VERY GRAVE...
²³ THEN ABRAHAM DREW NEAR AND SAID, "WILL YOU INDEED SWEEP AWAY THE RIGHTEOUS WITH THE WICKED? ²⁴ SUPPOSE THERE ARE FIFTY RIGHTEOUS WITHIN THE CITY. WILL YOU THEN SWEEP AWAY THE PLACE AND NOT SPARE IT FOR THE FIFTY RIGHTEOUS WHO ARE IN IT? ²⁵ FAR BE IT FROM YOU TO DO SUCH A THING, TO PUT THE RIGHTEOUS TO DEATH WITH THE WICKED, SO THAT THE RIGHTEOUS FARE AS THE WICKED! FAR BE THAT FROM YOU! SHALL NOT THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH DO WHAT IS JUST?" ²⁶ AND THE LORD SAID, "IF I FIND AT SODOM FIFTY RIGHTEOUS IN THE CITY, I WILL SPARE THE WHOLE PLACE FOR THEIR SAKE."

THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

- ^{NAS} **JOHN 18:4** JESUS ...SAID TO THEM, "WHOM DO YOU SEEK?" ⁵ THEY ANSWERED HIM, "JESUS THE NAZARENE." HE SAID TO THEM, "I AM *HE*." ... ⁶ WHEN THEREFORE HE SAID TO THEM, "I AM *HE*," THEY DREW BACK, AND FELL TO THE GROUND. ⁷ AGAIN THEREFORE HE ASKED THEM, "WHOM DO YOU SEEK?" AND THEY SAID, "JESUS THE NAZARENE." ⁸ JESUS ANSWERED, "I TOLD YOU THAT I AM *HE*; IF THEREFORE YOU SEEK ME, LET THESE GO THEIR WAY... ¹⁰ SIMON PETER THEREFORE HAVING A SWORD, DREW IT, AND STRUCK THE HIGH PRIEST'S SLAVE, AND CUT OFF HIS RIGHT EAR.... ¹¹ JESUS THEREFORE SAID TO PETER, "PUT THE SWORD INTO THE SHEATH; THE CUP WHICH THE FATHER HAS GIVEN ME, SHALL I NOT DRINK IT?"

THE MEEKNESS OF JESUS

- ^{NAS} **MATTHEW 26:52** THEN JESUS SAID TO HIM, "PUT YOUR SWORD BACK INTO ITS PLACE; FOR ALL THOSE WHO TAKE UP THE SWORD SHALL PERISH BY THE SWORD. ⁵³ "OR DO YOU THINK THAT I CANNOT APPEAL TO MY FATHER, AND HE WILL AT ONCE PUT AT MY DISPOSAL MORE THAN TWELVE LEGIONS OF ANGELS? ⁵⁴ "HOW THEN SHALL THE SCRIPTURES BE FULFILLED, THAT IT MUST HAPPEN THIS WAY?"
- ^{NIV} **MATTHEW 21:5** "SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'SEE, YOUR KING COMES TO YOU, GENTLE AND RIDING ON A DONKEY, ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A DONKEY.'"

HIS MEEKNESS, OUR SALVATION

- ^{NAS} **MATTHEW 11:29** "TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU, AND LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE IN HEART; AND YOU SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.
- ^{NAS} **ROMANS 5:9** MUCH MORE THEN, HAVING NOW BEEN JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD, WE SHALL BE SAVED FROM THE WRATH OF GOD THROUGH HIM.
- ^{NAS} **ROMANS 8:1** THERE IS THEREFORE NOW NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS.

PATIENCE AND GENTLENESS

- PATIENCE – LONGSUFFERING OR SLOWNESS TO ANGER
- GENTLENESS – NOT LASHING OUT ONCE ANGRY

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CONCLUSIONS

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

- ^{NAS} **PHILIPPIANS 2:12** SO THEN, MY BELOVED, JUST AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED, NOT AS IN MY PRESENCE ONLY, BUT NOW MUCH MORE IN MY ABSENCE, WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING; ¹³ FOR IT IS GOD WHO IS AT WORK IN YOU, BOTH TO WILL AND TO WORK FOR *HIS* GOOD PLEASURE.
- ^{NAS} **GALATIANS 5:25** IF WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US ALSO WALK BY THE SPIRIT.

GENTLE WITH THOSE WHO DO WRONG

- ^{NAS} **1 CORINTHIANS 4:21** WHAT DO YOU DESIRE? SHALL I COME TO YOU WITH A ROD OR WITH LOVE AND A SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS?
- ^{ESV} **GALATIANS 6:1** BROTHERS, IF ANYONE IS CAUGHT IN ANY TRANSGRESSION, YOU WHO ARE SPIRITUAL SHOULD RESTORE HIM IN A SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS. KEEP WATCH ON YOURSELF, LEST YOU TOO BE TEMPTED.
- ^{ESV} **2 TIMOTHY 2:24** AND THE LORD'S SERVANT MUST NOT BE QUARRELSOME BUT KIND TO EVERYONE, ABLE TO TEACH, PATIENTLY ENDURING EVIL, ²⁵ CORRECTING HIS OPPONENTS WITH GENTLENESS. GOD MAY PERHAPS GRANT THEM REPENTANCE LEADING TO A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH,

GENTLE IN GENERAL

- ^{NIV} **EPHESIANS 4:2** BE COMPLETELY HUMBLE AND GENTLE; BE PATIENT, BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE.
- ^{NIV} **COLOSSIANS 3:12** THEREFORE, AS GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE, HOLY AND DEARLY LOVED, CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS AND PATIENCE.
- ^{NAS} **JAMES 3:13** WHO AMONG YOU IS WISE AND UNDERSTANDING? LET HIM SHOW BY HIS GOOD BEHAVIOR HIS DEEDS IN THE GENTLENESS OF WISDOM.

MEEKNESS AND ETERNITY

- ^{ESV} **1 PETER 3:4** BUT LET YOUR ADORNING BE THE HIDDEN PERSON OF THE HEART WITH THE IMPERISHABLE BEAUTY OF A GENTLE [MEEK] AND QUIET SPIRIT, WHICH IN GOD'S SIGHT IS VERY PRECIOUS.
- ^{NIV} **ZEPHANIAH 3:12** BUT I WILL LEAVE WITHIN YOU THE MEEK AND HUMBLE, WHO TRUST IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.
- ^{ESV} **MATTHEW 5:5** "BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.