

**Desires of your heart – The meek shall inherit the earth.
How do these two ideas match up?**

Psalms 37:3-5, 10-11,

“3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

4 Delight (to keep a loving relationship with the Lord) yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring *it* to pass.”

10 For yet a little while and the wicked *shall be no more*; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it *shall be no more*.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

God is telling us that if we will allow Him to insert His desires into our hearts that they will include inheriting the earth, or in other words, bringing people into His Kingdom.

Psalms 2:8,

“8 Ask of Me, and I will give *You* The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.”

Matthew 5:5,

“5 Blessed *are* the meek For they shall inherit the earth.”

Jesus spoke this verse about meekness, and it seems to line up with Psalms 37. The first part, and priority, of the Lord’s Prayer is about His Kingdom coming to earth.

Definitions for “nations” and “earth.”

Earth - the inhabited earth, the abode of men and animals.

Nations- heathen Gentiles people usually of non-Hebrew people but also descendants of Abraham.

The meek will bring unsaved people into the Kingdom of God. Jesus is our model for this.

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*“We must understand what “meek” means. The Greek word translated “meek” is *praies* and refers to mildness, **gentleness of spirit [fruit of spirit]**, or humility. Other forms of this Greek word are used elsewhere in the New Testament, including [James 1:21](#) and [James 3:13](#). Meekness is humility toward God and toward others. It is having the right or the power to do something but refraining for the benefit of someone else. Paul urged meekness when he told us “to live a life worthy of the calling [we] have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love” ([Ephesians 4:1-2](#)).*

Meekness models the humility of Jesus Christ. As [Philippians 2:6-8](#) says, “[Jesus], being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!” Being “in the very nature God,” Jesus had the right to do whatever He wanted, but, for our sake, He submitted to “death on a cross.” That is the ultimate in meekness.”

Meek does not mean weak. Jesus is meek. Meek is like a strong horse who has been trained to obey its owner. Meekness is the same as gentleness, one of the elements of the Fruit of The Spirit.

Do the desires of your heart include your earthly needs as well?

Matthew 6:9, 10-11,

“9 “In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.”

“11 Give us this day our daily bread.”

When God puts His desires into our hearts, and we accept them and walk then out, then our earthly needs will be cared for.

The desires of our hearts.

Psalms 37 talks about God giving us the desires of our hearts. Rest assured that this means that if we delight ourselves in Him, then He will insert His desires into our hearts and they will become our desires. We may have some vague idea of what these desires may be, but it usually takes brokenness to realize them. Old Testament Joseph was an example. God gave him a dream about being a ruler, but he did not really come to understand or experience that until he was horribly persecuted by his brothers and the Egyptians. It turned out the God used Joseph to “inherit the earth.”

What does it mean to inherit the earth?

Earth, “the inhabited earth, the abode of men and animals.”

People are drawn to meekness and humility.

The unsaved are not drawn to pride. Look at Psalms 37 on the last page. Time and time again the Lord spoke about how the wicked persecute the righteous, but in the end, the righteous meek person inherits the earth.

When you are meek trouble will hit you. Why?

Because you become dangerous to Satan with God’s power!

A great true story and testimony.

My wife Carol and I saw a video from Little House on The Prairie recently. These videos are based upon true stories from the very late 1800s and recorded in a book by the same name. Laura Ingalls Wilder was the author, and was the daughter in most of these stories. They continued until she became an adult.

This particular version was about a little boy, Elmer, who was part of a family that just moved to the town of Walnut Grove. He was about 10-12 years old, and was a true and professing Christian, as was his family. Elmer was challenged with some issues and was

sometimes slow to learn and had a difficulty relating to other. Elmer had a beautiful heart. He pondered on important issues like helping others.

These are the kind of children that get bullied in school, and Elmer suffered that also. The bigger kids would throw him around and make fun of his meek and humble nature. He did not fight back or complain. He was very humble and just confessed his faith and refused to fight back.

He spent a lot of his time at home in his father's barn caring for the chickens that were sick and feeble. His father knew he was being abused in school and was very distraught.

The teacher decided to hold an election for the class to elect a class president. A very proud girl Nellie decided how she would manipulate the class to elect her. One of the Ingalls daughters, Mary, a very good girl, also agreed to run. The bullies nominated Elmer in order to embarrass him. They made fun of him during the next few weeks and even physically attacked him.

Elmer's mother made him a brand new shirt to wear for the election. This was a big and expensive task. But his father, seeing the persecution, told Elmer that when he got to school the day of the election that he should withdraw and not be a candidate for president because of the persecution.

On Election Day, on the way to school, two much bigger bullies caught Elmer on the road and threw him into a filthy pigpen. He was covered with mud and slime, and his new shirt was filthy.

Elmer was the last one to come into the class. Most of the kids laughed at him for looking so dirty. He stood in the back of the class and said that his was withdrawing for running a class president.

Then Elmer spoke out one of most anointed speeches I have heard.

At this time in our live Overcomers class we will show that small part of the video. However if you are not in our class, I will attempt to write here what he said as follows:

"You think I'm not smart.

But I know right from wrong.

It is not right to give candy in exchange in order to buy votes for votes like Nellie had done.

It is not right to make fun of kids

It is not right to push someone in the mud, and pick on weaker children.

It is not right to want to become class president for selfish reasons."

After he finished speaking, Mary, the good girl, with tears in her eyes said she was withdrawing and would not accept votes for the class president. Others, including the bullies, began to repent. Mary and others convinced Elmer to run for president because he had the only accurate thing to say about what a president is all about. Loving people, and standing for godliness and not wickedness. Many in the class were impressed with his

meekness and were drawn to his belief in the Lord. Even the bad boys who had thrown Elmer into the pig's mud were changed.

So Elmer and Nellie (the bad girl) were the only two in the election. As they counted the votes there was a tie, until Nellie's brother voted for Elmer.

Elmer's dad drove up in his wagon as the kids were leaving the class and found out what had happened. Elmer was afraid that his dad would be mad. However his dad hugged and told him how proud he was.

How does God make us meek?

Colossians 3:12,

“12 Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;”

Put it on like clothing.

James 1:21,

“21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

Repenting for our sins, and by implanting the Word of God

Breaking.

As we go through life with difficulties and see how only God is able to bring us through, that causes us to discover how helpless we are. That brings on meekness.

Having disabilities that cause us to know our insufficiency

A daily living sacrifice

Romans 12:1, 2,

“1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Psalms 37 repeatedly speaks about the meek being persecuted by the wicked, but, the meek shall inherit the earth.

Psalms 37:1-40,

“1 Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

God's warning about evil people you may encounter

4 Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring *it* to pass.

God gives His advice to receive His ordained desire for you.

6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret--*it* only *causes* harm.

God asks us to not envy other people who may look like they are prospering. He warns that so many of these people are evil.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth.

10 For yet a little while and the wicked *shall be no more*; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it *shall be no more*.

God shows us that we will not be able to even find these people in the future.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

But look at the satanic attacks against the meek!

12 The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth.

13 The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming.

14 The wicked have drawn the sword And have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, To slay those who are of upright conduct.

15 Their sword shall enter their own heart, And their bows shall be broken.

16 A little that a righteous man has *is* better than the riches of many wicked.

17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the LORD upholds the righteous.

18 The LORD knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20 But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of the LORD, Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away.

21 The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives.

22 For *those* blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, But *those* cursed by Him shall be cut off.

Then look at how God defeats your enemies while you are committed to inheriting the earth.

23 The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds *him with* His hand.

25 I have been young, and *now* am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

26 *He is* ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants *are* blessed.

27 Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore.

28 For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it forever.

30 The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice.

31 The law of his God *is* in his heart; None of his steps shall slide.

Here come the wicked again.

32 The wicked watches the righteous, And seeks to slay him.

33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, Nor condemn him when he is judged.

34 Wait on the LORD, And keep His way, And He shall exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you shall see *it*.

35 I have seen the wicked in great power, And spreading himself like a native green tree.

36 Yet he passed away, and behold, he *was* no *more*; Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found.

Stay clean before God, allow Him to make you meek, and you shall be used to bring in His Kingdom. God will insert His desires into your heart to bring in His Kingdom. Your enemies will challenge you, but God will defeat them, and actually use their attacks against them.

Paul said to the Ephesians that he suffered so that they would receive the glory of God, or God's inheritance.

Ephesians 3:13,

“13 Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.”

Psalm 37, continued,

37 Mark the blameless *man*, and observe the upright; For the future of *that* man *is* peace.

38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; The future of the wicked shall be cut off.

39 But the salvation of the righteous *is* from the LORD; *He is* their strength in the time of trouble.

40 And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they trust in Him.”