

"A truly Christian love, either to God or men, is a humble brokenhearted love. The desires of the saints, however earnest, are humble desires: their hope is a humble hope; and their joy, even when it is unspeakable, and full of glory, is a humble, brokenhearted joy, and leaves the Christian more poor in spirit, and more like a little child, and more disposed to a universal lowliness of behavior." Jonathan Edwards

Review

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, they receive the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are those who mourn, they receive God's comfort.
3. Blessed are the meek and gentle, they inherit the earth.

Sermon Notes

1. Godly sorrow and repentance makes for gentle believers, Matthew 5:3-5.
2. The calm rest from the inheritance gentles us, Psalm 37:1-11; 1 Corinthians 3:21-23; Romans 8:32.
3. There is no harshness in gentle strength, Matthew 11:28-30; Matthew 21:12.
"What we suffer from today is humility in the wrong place. Modesty has moved from the organ of ambition. Modesty has settled upon the organ of conviction; where it was never meant to be. A man was meant to be doubtful about himself, but undoubting about the truth; this has been exactly reversed. Nowadays the part of a man that a man does assert is exactly the part he ought not to assert—himself. The part he doubts is exactly the part he ought not to doubt—the Divine Reason . . . We are on the road to producing a race of men too mentally modest to believe in the multiplication table." G. K. Chesterton
4. Meekness cannot be hurt, gentleness forgives, humility never seeks revenge, Matthew 18:21-35; Luke 23:34; Numbers 12:3.
"[the meek are] amazed that God and man can think of him as well as they do and treat him as well as they do...we leave everything in the hands of God, and especially so if we feel we are suffering unjustly." Martyn Lloyd Jones
5. Gentle strength is life changing and light giving, Matthew 5:16.