

B. Inherit

Modern use - means entering into possession of something that has been left to us in a will.

In Scripture - means to enter into possession of something that has been promised and foretold by God.

i. Kleronomos (Greek)
(kleros) a portion, heritage or lot (nomos) law or legal

One's legal portion, one's lawful possession or one's birthright.

1 Peter 1:3-4 NKJV - (3) *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (4) to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.*

ii. Nachal/Nachalah (Hebrew)
Occupy as a birthright, or take as a heritage, or to divide. It is that which I have because of my father - my birthright. What I have.

iii. Yarash (Hebrew)
It is to occupy by driving out previous tenants, to seize, or to take possession of. What I do.

C. Earth

i. Erets (Hebrew)
Originally Canaan - the physical territory or Promised Land that God would give them.

Next stage - Zion - a place of forgiveness, cleansing and national unity.

New Testament - the land represents the Kingdom of God.

Our birthright is the rule of God in our lives and we are to seize that rule in every situation of life. Our inheritance is the Kingdom of God in our lives.

THE BEATITUDES

Part 2 - Mourners & the Meek

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Matthew 5:3-10 NKJV - (3) "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (4) Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. (5) Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (6) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. (7) Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. (8) Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (9) Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. (10) Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

SEVEN QUALITIES OF BLESSEDNESS

1. **Poor in Spirit - Kingdom of Heaven**

The poor in spirit is the one who realizes his own utter helplessness and puts his whole trust in God.

2. **Mourners - Comforted**

Matthew 5:4 NKJV - Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

A. Mourn

i. Threneo (Greek)

A ritual wail of prayer or ceremonial begging; an outward demonstration of an inner grief; focuses on the consequences of sin and is induced by a sense of guilt.

ii. Koptomai (Greek)

The mourning of hopelessness and dread; a belief that life is over and only hell awaits; the strongest outward expression of inner grief and it is induced by fear.

iii. Odurmos (Greek)

A complaint, bitter weeping and disappointed lamentation; a complaint against God for allowing suffering to come.

These are coping mechanisms - ungodly sorrow induced by guilt, fear and sorrow.

iv. **Penthos (Greek)**

A mourning or inner grief that is too deep for words, such as mourning the death of a loved one. This was used by Jesus.

v. **Abal (Hebrew)**

A sorrow for sin, not just its consequences, which leads to true repentance.

2 Corinthians 7:10-11 NKJV - (10) For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

B. **Comforted**

i. **Paraklethesontai (Greek)**

They shall be "being" comforted. Comfort begins the moment one begins to mourn. The root word Paraklete - is the name given to the Holy Spirit.

John 14:16-18 KJV - (16) And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; (17) Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. (18) I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

a. **Judicial - Law Court**

A paraclete was one called into court to be a witness in someone's favor - standing between the accused and the judge and pleaded his cause.

b. **Military - The Battlefield**

A paraclete is one called in to give assistance in a difficult situation; the paraclete comes into the foxhole during the battle; building the morale of a depressed and defeated company of troops, restoring bravery and courage.

c. **Educational - Classroom**

A paraclete is one called alongside to provide instruction or understanding when we do not know what to do.

John 16:13 NKJV - (13) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

3. Meek - Inherit the Earth

Matthew 5:5 NJKV - (5) Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

A. **Meek**

i. **Praus (Greek)**

In our society when the world says someone is meek they are saying he is spineless, incapable and a wimp.

(Aristotle's Doctrine of the Mean)

On one end of the spectrum we have an excess of emotions - such as anger and rage. At the other end of the spectrum we have the lack of emotion - such as apathy or the inability to feel anger.

Either extreme is dangerous because the person does not value his emotions or use them properly.

The person in the middle (the mean), at the fulcrum point - is someone who knows the value of his emotions and has them in balance - knows how to use them appropriately - this is a meek person. Self-controlled.

ii. **Anah (Hebrew)**

"One who is controlled by another, who sits submissively and is molded by God." It is to be God-controlled. It involves repentance and conversion.

Acts 3:19 NKJV - Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Repentance and conversion involve a change of mind/thinking, a turning from sin to Jesus as Savior, and walking a different path. When you turn, you are submissive before God - you are God-controlled - you are meek.