

The Meekness of Christ

Isaiah 42:1-3

1.) Meekness Pleases God (v1a)

Isaiah 42:1a, "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles."

Matthew 3:17, "And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Mark 1:11, "Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Luke 3:22, "And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

John 8:29, "And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

Matthew 5:5, "Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth."

2.) Meekness Is Spirit Empowered (v1b)

Isaiah 42:1b, "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles."

Isaiah 11:1-2, "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord."

3.) Meekness Is Humility in Action (v2)

Isaiah 42:2, "He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street."

Philippians 2:6-8, "who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

2 Corinthians 10:1, "Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—who in presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you."

4.) Meekness Helps Others (v3)

Isaiah 42:3, "A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth."

A.) The "**bruised reed**" –

B.) The "**smoking flax**" –

A Few Implications:

1.) The "Servant" has come to bring salvation to the world.

Matthew 20:28, "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

2.) We must pursue meekness in faith.

3.) The church must be known for its meekness in this harsh world.