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I am teaching on the word “meekness” and these verses found in I Corinthians 1:26-29:

“For behold your calling, brethren, that not many wise after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God chose the foolish things of the world, that he might put to shame them that are wise; and God chose the weak things of the world, that he might put to shame the things that are strong; and the base things of the world, and the things that are despised, did God choose, yea and the things that are not, that he might bring to nought the things that are: that no flesh should glory before God.”

The apostle here is speaking of our call to salvation through Jesus Christ. The gospel is said by the prophet Isaiah to be preached to the poor. Its main appeal is to the poor and common man. God has nothing against the exceptional person, but they may find it harder to receive Christ. The wise, mighty and noble have many advantages in this world. They often see no need for God and are self-sufficient. So they think! We who are less endowed know we have only God to lean on in difficult times. Jesus said the poor in spirit are blessed. Why? Because they realize their spiritual poverty and total dependence on God, and are always drawing from Him.

God does offer salvation to the rich, wise and noble of this world, but few will respond to that call. Why? Because it will cost them more to come God's way. They will have to be brought down in order to be built up. The wise of this world must become as fools in their own eyes to receive the secrets of God. Remember, God still hides from the wise and prudent, but reveals things to babes and the simple. Moses and Paul were wise in this world and became great spiritual leaders for God, but look at the price they paid to be brought to their elevated positions.

Now concerning this word “meekness,” it does not mean weakness or feebleness. In simple terms, it means humility and dependency. Meekness is the knowledge that without Christ we are nothing! Meekness depends solely on God's grace and help. Yet meekness is strength, for it knows its power and help comes from God. Yes, only the meek shall inherit the kingdom of God. Meek persons are those who allow the Spirit of truth to live and move through them. They do not think too highly or lowly of themselves. They evaluate things in truth.

Meekness is a humble attitude that is based on knowing the truth. Jesus was very meek and told us to learn this of Him, yet He was very powerful with God. He never spoke or acted outside the Father's will. The way upward spiritually is to be nothing in ourselves. Then God gives us of Himself! The outward man must perish that the inward man of God can come forth.