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Meekness, the subject of today's devotion, is synonymous with gentleness. It is a term that is frequently used in the Bible. Meekness should not be associated with weakness. On the contrary, a meek person can do something, but chooses to refrain – something which can be difficult. In the Bible, the passages refer to our meekness and to the meekness of Jesus.

'Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.' Matthew 5:5.

The meek person submits his will to God. From then on, he will be under God's will. When we submit our will to God, we are acknowledging that we can't put our life together on our own or that we don't wish to and that we need God's help. The call of every Christian is to bring the rule of God to the earth.

The greatest person who ever lived was a meek and humble man. Jesus said, *'...learn from Me for I am meek and humble in heart'* (Matthew 11:29)

If we follow Jesus, we will demonstrate meekness, thus creating a Spirit-filled life which is about Godliness and not self-centredness.

Jesus's meekness characterizes Him. He gave Himself up in sacrifice for others. He did not retaliate when he was treated unfairly. When His time came, He submitted to the will of God and put up with the evil intentions of others, showing meekness right up to His death. *'While being reviled, He did not revile in return. While suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously.'* (1 Peter 2:23)

Jesus was meek, though not weak. As a person, He was strong. He cleansed the Temple by force (Matthew 21: 12 – 17).

Some cultures do not encourage or celebrate meekness. However, the Bible celebrates it and we should, too, for it is a great strength which demonstrates that we are living in God's ways.

Prayer: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, bring meekness into our hearts so that we may show that we are living in Your precious ways. When others insult us, let us not throw insults in return. When others hurt us, let us not hurt them in return. Let us always remember Jesus's meekness and his willingness to give up His life for us. He put Godliness before himself. Let us be willing to do the same for Your sake. Amen