

Personal Humility & the Way of God

“Accepting **constructive criticism** opens your heart to **the path of life**, making you right at home among the wise v31.

Refusing **constructive criticism** shows you have no interest in improving your life, for **revelation-insight** only comes as you accept correction and the wisdom that it brings v32.

The source of **revelation-knowledge** is found (“the fear of the LORD is”, ~cf. Prov. 1:7) as you **fall down in surrender** before the Lord (“the instruction of wisdom”)

Don’t expect to see Shekinah glory (“before honour”) **until the Lord sees your sincere humility** (“comes or is: humility”), ~Prov. 15:31-33, TPT (& most literal versions).

“(The knowledge of) the fear of the LORD **is** instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor”, ~Proverbs 15:33, ESV.

“**Before destruction a man's heart is haughty**, but humility comes before honor”, ~Proverbs 18:12, ESV.

“A man’s heart is the **proudest when his downfall is nearest**, for he won’t see glory until the Lord sees humility”, ~Proverbs 18:12, TPT.

We’ve “been caught” in **a humble position of authority and rejoicing!** by our LORD: ~see Isaiah 54! esp. vv4-6 and v6! in relation to us being the Bride of Christ.

“For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God”, ~Isaiah 54:6.

What is humility? ~cf. Genesis 34 & 35 Jacob’s camp at Shechem and then going on to Bethel

Humility is not Humiliation

It’s not “to be humiliated” as with Dinah, Jacob’s daughter and the sister of Jacob’s sons who was raped by a king’s son of the Hivites at the city of Shechem. *picture the circumstance - pilgrims as sheep and goat herders, camping in the pre-possession, promised land, but chosen by God for the renown of His name.

Dinah was humiliated by this king’s son: Shechem, when he took her for sex - the Hebrew verb translated “to humble” is used here of this act, but is better translated to humiliate. But **“the brothers” defended their family’s honour!** requiring the circumcision of the entire male population of this king Hamor’s city. Then, while they were still sore, they massacred them and stole/possessed all their wealth!

As the result of this, **Jacob feared retribution** from the other peoples of the lands: ~cf. Genesis 34:30-31; but none-the-less, God honoured these pilgrims as they journeyed from Shechem to Bethel: “And as they journeyed, **a terror from God fell upon the cities** that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob”, ~Genesis 35:5.

So, **was this humility** before God. I believe so:

“He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,
which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance.”
When they were few in number,
of little account, and sojourners in it,
wandering from nation to nation,
from one kingdom to another people,
he allowed no one to oppress them;
he rebuked kings on their account,
saying, “Touch not my anointed ones,
do my prophets no harm!”, ~Psalm 105:8-15.

Humility is therefore, believing God to the extent of following Him and achieving His will; following His calling in the ways He’s called each one, and us-as-a-whole: “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...”.

The ways He has called us, are ways of profound humility:

Blessed are **the poor in spirit**, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are **those who mourn**, For they shall be comforted.
Blessed are **the meek**, For they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are **those who hunger and thirst** for righteousness, For they shall be filled. Blessed are **the merciful**, For they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are **the pure in heart**, For they shall see God.
Blessed are **the peacemakers**, For they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are **those who are persecuted** for righteousness’ sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Blessed are you** when they revile and persecute **you**, and say all kinds of evil against **you** falsely for My sake. **Rejoice and be exceedingly glad**, for great is your reward in heaven, for **so they persecuted** the prophets who were before **you**”, ~Matthew 5:3-12.

Humility is more aligned with our own personal **Meekness** than any humble-ness or submission as we usually see submission or think of 'submission to a covering'.

Numbers 12:3 "Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth". For the LORD says of him:

"Moses is faithful in all My house.

I speak with him **face to face**,

Even **plainly**, and not in dark sayings (of dreams and visions, cf. v6);

And he sees **the form** of the LORD", ~Numbers 12:7b-8a.

It is also humility/meekness to recognise and acknowledge God "**in the form of God**", "**in the morphe of God**" - please see **the linked article**: "**In the Morphe of God**". Therefore, true humility and meekness enables our counsel with God:

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Bible Quotes for Meekness: "In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. But **the meek** shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace" ~Psalm 37:10-11.

With this Character of our Jesus: "with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for **the meek** of the earth", ~Isaiah 11:4. "**The meek** shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD" ~Isaiah 29:19. "Blessed are **the meek**, for they shall inherit the earth", ~Matthew 5:5.

From a Dictionary's definition for Meekness:

Meekness is not just submission, but also *patience, *long suffering, *forbearance, *gentleness, *mildness, *softness/confidence, *peacefulness, *self-effacement (being willing to stand back from arguments, judgments and accusations at-the-cost-of pride!), *modesty (confident personal composure), *humility (nonetheless, believing the truth), *unpretentiousness (not pretending 'to know'), *lowliness (expecting to rise from a low position), *acquiescence (serving the needs of others), ***mansuetude** ("hand-accustomed" - the way a person 'deals with things', 'accustomed to dealing in these ways').

Our **humility** and **meekness**

as we walk in

these qualities of our calling

usher us into

a humble position of authority and rejoicing ~see/read Isaiah 54.

Isaiah 54, TPT

“Rejoice with singing, you barren one! You who have never given birth,
burst into a song of joy and shout, you who have never been in labor!
For the deserted wife will have more children than the married one,” says Yahweh.

“Increase is coming, so enlarge your tent and add extensions to your dwelling.
Hold nothing back! Make the tent ropes longer and the pegs stronger.
You will increase and spread out in every direction. Your sons and daughters will
conquer nations and revitalize desolate cities.

Do not fear, for your shame is no more. Do not be embarrassed, for you will not be
disgraced. You will forget the inadequacy you felt in your youth and will no longer
remember the shame of your widowhood.

For your Maker is your husband; his name is Yahweh, Commander of Angel
Armies! Your Kinsman-Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel!
He has the title Mighty God of All the Earth!

For I, Yahweh, have invited you to come back like a depressed, deserted wife.
Like a young wife who has experienced rejection, I am drawing you back to me,”
says Yahweh. “For just a brief moment I deserted you, but with tender feelings of
love I will gather you back to me. In a surge of anger, for just the briefest moment,
I hid my face from you, but with everlasting kindness, I will show you my cherishing
love,” says Yahweh, your Kinsman-Redeemer.

“To me, this is like the time when I vowed that the waters of Noah’s flood would
never again cover the earth. Now I vow to you that I will neither be angry with you
nor rebuke you. Even if the mountains were to crumble and the hills disappear, my
heart of steadfast, faithful love will never leave you, and my covenant of peace with
you will never be shaken,” says Yahweh, whose love and compassion will never
give up on you.

“You unhappy one, storm-tossed and troubled,
I am ready to rebuild you with precious stones
and embed your foundation with sapphires.
I will make your towers of rubies,
your gates of sparkling jewels,
and all your walls of precious, delightful stones.

All your children will be taught by Yahweh,
and great will be their peace and prosperity.

You will be established in righteousness.
Oppression—be far from them!
Fear—be far from them!

Yes, terror will not come near you, nor will you be afraid.
If anyone dares to stir up strife against you,
it is not from me!

Those who challenge you will go down in defeat.

See, I am the one who created the craftsman
who fans the coals into a fire
and forges a weapon fit for its purpose,
and I am the one who created the destroyer to destroy.

So I promise you,
no weapon meant to hurt you will succeed,
and you will refute every accusing word spoken against you.
This promise is the inheritance of Yahweh's servants,
and their vindication is from me," says Yahweh.