

The god of a Restless Soul

“Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child.” (Psalm 131.2)

When we reflect on all the restlessness that is present in our soul, we should be prompted to consider what is the _____ of restlessness. Surely, it is not founded in Godly _____. When a believer embraces Godly wisdom, it is a _____ about their head (Prov. 4.9). Those that attain Godly wisdom are blessed for they find _____ and _____ of the Lord (Prov. 4.34-35). Restlessness of soul is directly linked to a different source from which believers are admonished to _____ (Prov. 3.5). This false wisdom is _____, _____, and _____; it produces _____ and _____ (James 3.15). Rather than promote the sovereign God of Heaven and His ways (James 3.17), false wisdom stirs our soul like the tumult of the ocean, for its god demands worship. The god of a restless soul is our _____.

* Proverbs 11.2 - When pride cometh, then cometh _____; but with the lowly is wisdom.

* Proverbs 16.18 - Pride goeth before _____, and an haughty spirit before a _____.

* Proverbs 29.23 - A man’s pride shall bring him _____.

* James 4.6 - ...God _____ the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble

It is the _____ in the heart of a believer that craves! It fills each desire of our being full of _____-assertion, _____-absorption, _____-protection, _____-promotion, _____-confidence, and _____-esteem. It rages within like a devilish claim— I WILL (Isa. 14.12-15). It is our pride that _____ God’s way, for our pride is _____ to be _____. When our way is confounded, our pride will be manifested: It _____ and pouts; shouts and _____; argues and _____; _____ and grasps; screams and retaliates; _____ and obfuscates; _____ and indulges; manipulates and _____; drives and obsesses; _____ and fears! Pride is the god upon which the restless soul ultimately depends. If we would have a peaceful soul, we must be _____ by God.

A fruit born in the life of a Spirit yielded saint, is _____ (Gal. 5.23). Meekness learned from the Master (Matt. 11.29) will _____ the faithful disciple and _____ pride from ruling in our heart and mind.

The word “meek” or “meekness” is found approximately 30 times in the Scripture (meek—16x; 12 in OT — meekness— 14x; 2 in OT). The definition has much to do with _____, gentleness, and _____. Throughout Scripture, the fruit of meekness is praised.

Meekness _____— Consider the lives of _____ (Num. 12.3) and _____ (I Cor. 4.21, II Cor. 10.1). Both are regarded well for the meekness they possessed. In particular, their meekness was witnessed by their _____ to those that _____ confronted them. Both individuals were God-appointed leaders that dealt with the sinful rebellion of others in a God approved manner.

Meekness _____— God places an extremely high value on the attainment of meekness (Psa. 22.26, 25.9, 37.11, 147.6; Isa. 29.19). Surely, God has proclaimed that the meek shall _____ the earth (Matt. 5.5). The obtaining of a meek and quiet spirit (as opposed to constant _____—Prov. 27.15) is a _____ that God _____ in the life of His saint (I Pet. 3.4). Meekness is so prized that it should be _____ with vigor (I Tim. 6.11).

Meekness _____— The fullest demonstration of meekness is seen in the _____ of Christ. He, the holy, eternal, just God, _____ meekly with those seeking _____. He promises an easy yoke and rest as we _____ of Him (Matt. 11.28-30).

Meekness _____— Meekness is a _____ of the Spirit (Gal. 5.22-23). Ergo, it, like _____ and _____, are Divinely _____ to those that have believed and obeyed the Gospel. If these would be preserved in our lives, it will be done by consistently _____ in the Spirit (Gal. 5.16).

Meekness _____— Meekness is necessary in order to effectively deal with people. It is necessary in God’s _____ saints (Eph. 4.2, Col. 3.12); in the restoration of _____ saints (Gal. 6.1), and in the preaching of the gospel to the _____ (II Tim. 2.25, I Pet. 3.15, Titus 3.2). Without meekness, strife and contention abound.

Meekness is being _____ by God and is possible because of His eternal _____ for us (Rom. 8.31-39). Meekness places the _____ God on the throne of our heart and _____ His exclusive _____ (I Tim. 6.15).