
The Meekness of Holiness (Walking Humbly)

The Requirements of Holiness

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Sermon: The Requirements of Holiness: The Meekness of Holiness (Walking Humbly)

New Series Messages: “The Joys of Holiness”

- Theme Scriptures:
 - 1 Peter 1:15–16 “To Be Holy”
 - Micah 6:8 “The Requirements of Holiness”
- Sermon: The Righteousness of Holiness (Doing Justly)
- Sermon: The Forgiveness of Holiness (Loving Mercy)
 - The Love of Mercy
 - The Compassion of Mercy
 - The Endurance of Mercy

Lesson Text

Micah 6:8 (AV) ⁸ He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Proverbs 3:1–6 (AV) ¹ My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: ² For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. ³ Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: ⁴ So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Introduction

Micah 6: ⁸ He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and **what doth the LORD require of thee**, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

- To Do Justly (Righteousness)
- To Love Mercy (Forgiveness)
- To Walk Humbly (Meekness)

The third requirement we see here is “To Walk Humbly”

For obvious reasons I was feeling down this week and I got in a bad place. I called the two people that I’ve leaned on the most during throughout the years, my dad and my pastor.

After thinking, why would God take my family through this? I first called My Dad, Bishop Nichols, who told of an experience he had years ago:

- It was about a woman who God had called to be a great healer who went all over the country preaching, teaching, and bringing the deliverance of healing to many.
- But one day she became gravely ill, bed-ridden in a hospital for months and months.
- When my father went to see her, he saw that she was down and depressed.
- She said, “I’ve been preaching and teaching that God is a healer. Laying hands on hundreds of others and seeing them healed, and now I’m sick and bed-ridden.”

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- My Father said to her, “In spite of your condition, do you STILL BELIEVE that he’s a healer?”

Later I called my Pastor, Bishop Wooden, and he shared a lot of uplifting things with me, but one thing that really hit home for me when I told him I didn’t know how to feel, he said, “Feel what you feel, but Know what you Know.” Feel whatever emotions you feel, but know that your redeemer lives, know that God said I will never leave you nor forsake you.

This got me thinking about today’s message, Walking Humbly with thy God!

Humbly or Humble means not proud or haughty, not arrogant or assertive; reflecting, expressing, or offered in a spirit of submission. It is embodied in the eighth element of the fruit of the Spirit called Meekness.

And so, to Walk Humbly with God is to walk in meekness or submission to God.

Amos 3:³ Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

The previous versus of this chapter dealt with the Children of Israel walking in sin and iniquity, and God wanting them to walk in holiness. And so, the context of this 3rd verse was how can we walk together when we disagree on how, where, and when to walk?

When two people disagree on their walk, the only way they can walk together is one has to submit to the will of the other.

God is never going to submit to our will or desires, so holiness requires us to submit to his.

To walk humbly with our God, we must learn to walk when we disagree with the path, to walk when we don’t understand the path, and to walk when we can’t even see the path!

Series and Sermon: The Requirements of Holiness: The Meekness of Holiness (Walking Humbly)

“Walking Humbly in Agreement, In Trouble, and In Faith”

I. Walking Humbly in Agreement (When You Disagree With The Path)

Proverbs 3: ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Our first challenge to Walking in Holiness is walking when we disagree with the path.

Proverbs 16:25 (AV)²⁵ There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

Matthew 7:13–14 (AV)¹³ Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴ Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

When God calls us, the path that **we would take** is not the path that **God would have us to take.**

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- God calls us to prosperity, but His path is through poverty
- God calls us to blessings, but His path is through being cursed out
- God call us to love, but His path is through being hated
- God calls us to be more than conquerors, but His path is through of loss and being a loser.
- God calls us to deliverance, but His path is through addictions and strongholds
- God calls us to victory, but His path is through destruction and defeat

Amos 3:³ Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

Walking Humbly in Agreement is not about agreeing with the path you're taking, but submitting and Agreeing with the God who has you taking it!

Even Jesus walked the path that he didn't agree with; Luke 22:⁴² Saying, **Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.**

Psalms 37:²³ The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

Proverbs 3:⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him (**agree with him**), and he shall direct thy paths.

II. Walking Humbly in Trouble (When You Don't Understand The Path)

Proverbs 3:⁵ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart and **lean not unto thine own understanding.**

The second challenge to Walking in Holiness is walking when you don't understand the path.

It's one thing to submit and walk the path when you don't agree with it. But it's another thing all together to keep walking that path when you begin to experience actual trouble.

2 Corinthians 4:8–9 (AV)⁸ *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Psalms 34:19 (AV)¹⁹ Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

Walking in Agreement is theoretical, but Walking in Trouble is actual. In theory we say for God I'll live and for God I'll die; but what do we do when the actual trouble shows up?

We preach about the lion's den until the actual lions show up. We shout about the fiery furnace, until they turn up the heat. We talk about denying ourselves and taking up our cross, that is until they start nailing our hands to the cross.

The Walk of Trouble doesn't make human sense. Human reasoning teaches us to take the path of least resistance.

Our human understanding tells us to take the path that leads away from our trouble. To take the path that leads away from our pain and shame, to take the path that leads away from the hurt and betrayal, the trials and tribulations. It doesn't make sense!

Walking Humbly in Trouble is having the meekness to submit to the wisdom and knowledge of God especially when it makes no sense.

Proverbs 3:⁵Trust in the LORD with all thine heart and ***lean not unto thine own understanding.***

Psalms 23:4–6 (AV)⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

When you don't understand the journey, just ask God to walk with you: "Walk with me Lord, Walk with me; while I'm on this tedious journey, I need Jesus to Walk with Me!"

III. Walking Humbly in Faith (When You Can't See The Path)

Proverbs 3:⁵ ***Trust in the LORD with all thine heart*** and lean not unto thine own understanding.

When God Call Us

- He calls us to Walk in Agreement When we Disagree with the Path
- He calls us to Walk in Trouble When we Don't Understand the Path
- And He calls us to Walk in Faith When we Can't See the Path

The final challenge to Walking in Holiness happens because Faith requires us to walk a path that we can't see.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (AV)⁷ (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

When you can't see where you are going, you also can't see what's coming at you!

We're called to walk, but we can't see the betrayal coming. We're called to walk, but we can't see hurt and pain coming. We're called to walk, but we can't see the frustration and aggravation coming, but we can't see the disappointment and depression coming.

Walking Humbly with Faith is having the meekness to submit to and trust God when you can't see it!

Proverbs 3:⁵ ***Trust in the LORD with all thine heart***

When you're blinded, you have to trust in the one leading you.

Psalms 23:1–3 (AV)¹ The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Matthew 6:13 (AV)¹³ **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

When you can't see it, Trust in the Lord! When you ain't feeling it, Trust in the Lord! When you don't want to do it, Trust in the Lord!

"I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord, until I die..."

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Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Meekness of Holiness (Walking Humbly))

Lesson Text

- Micah 6:8, Proverbs 3:1–6

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *Walking Humbly in Agreement (When You Disagree With The Path)*

II. *Walking Humbly in Trouble (When You Don't Understand The Path)*

III. *Walking Humbly in Faith (When You Can't See The Path)*

Questions

I. **Getting to Know “Me”**

1. If you could ask God one question right now, what would you ask?
2. What is one thing you really like about yourself?

II. **Into the Bible**

1. Read Psalm 119:105. Explain how this verse is suitable for our paths in life?
2. Ephesians 4:24 tells us to put on the new man that is created in righteousness and holiness. How does knowing that our new spirit man is created in righteousness and holiness help us to walk humbly?

III. **Life Application**

1. As you reflect on this Sunday's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
2. Which of the following makes it the most difficult to submit to God in a challenging life circumstance: (a) when you don't agree with the direction. (b) when you don't understand the direction. Or (c) when you can't see the expected outcome. What is your plan for overcoming the difficulty the next time you face it?