

The New Testament Church  
*Prepare for Change #10 – The Meek shall Inherit the Earth*  
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- I Deuteronomy 29:29 - God is Sovereign – Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent
- A. We have recently examined what it means to have a “face to face” walk with God
    - 1. It is learning to discern God’s ways (character) and not just His acts
    - 2. Numbers 12:3 (Aaron and Miriam’s discord), *the man Moses was very meek*
      - a. The meek (not the famous, proud, controlling) shall inherit the earth – Matthew 5:5
      - b. If you want to potentially be around at the end, embrace meekness (Mt. 13:30,43)
        - 1. Meek - “bow down, humility” toward God; “gentle, mild” in considering others
        - 2. Confident and bold, yet avoiding *pride* toward God, and *harsh* toward others
  - B. What is happening is **allowed by God** – His omniscience of God (hidden things)
    - 1. God allows the **enemy** to attack and works it into His plan – Romans 8:28
    - 2. God allows the free will of man to manifest **sin**, working that into His plan as well
  - C. God places **limits** on sin, evil and worldly power – Omnipresence (created things)
    - 1. Sinful behavior is allowed to manifest only so far before being exposed – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 3:9
    - 2. The enemy is given permission to attack – but only so far – Job 1:12ff
  - D. In our day, God is preparing to **manifest** His Kingdom – Omnipotence (revealed things)
    - 1. His Church is learning that Christ’s Kingdom is the focus, not economics or politics
    - 2. “Babylon” – symbol of corruption of culture – collapse upon itself; timed with...
    - 3. Manifesting His Kingdom - “mountain rising” (Da. 2:35) truth applied to every area
    - 4. We will be seeing miraculous interventions of God in the days ahead
      - a. The whole creation is groaning as the Kingdom comes forth – Romans 8:19
      - b. God stopping evil’s intentions and plans – openly and publicly – some humbled
      - c. The miraculous timing of events, people and places – personally – some recognize it
      - d. Prophetic insight *by God’s Word* applied – vs. “angels” and miraculous alone
      - e. The “gift of miracles” – for healing, guidance, and security – His intervention
- II 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 13 – An example of the need for a “humble anointing” – the fruit of self-control
- A. Lessons from “no-name” people who are heroes (“little maid”, wise man of Ecc., etc.)
    - 1. Jeroboam and Rehoboam were the first two kings of the divided Israel and Judah
      - a. Rehoboam did not listen to older counsel, made things worse (Judah) - harsh
      - b. Jeroboam took Israel (10 tribes) reacted against Jerusalem into idolatry - pride
    - 2. Prophets in that day were social reformers, speaking the “word of God” to culture
      - a. A no-name prophet comes to Jeroboam from Judah, confronting him at the altar
      - b. He proclaims that *Josiah* (350 years in advance), would burn priests’ bones on it
      - c. Jeroboam wants to arrest him, but gets leprosy, and the altar splits apart as a sign
      - d. Jeroboam asks for, and receives, healing, but is denied giving the prophet a reward
      - e. The sons of an older prophet told him what happened, and he went after him
      - f. He invited him home, told him “an angel told me” – so he disobeyed God’s *word*
      - g. In departing, he was killed by a lion, but the donkey and corpse were unharmed
      - h. The old prophet buried the younger one in his own tomb, as a lesson in faithfulness
  - B. When we are consciously weak, *then we can handle His anointing* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 12:9-10
    - 1. Be aware of your weaknesses (thorn), *His strength is made perfect* at that very point
    - 2. We learn to “boast” in infirmities, not brag, but we can trade them for His anointing!