

"THE MEEK" -- Romans 6:12-14 -- PUPPETS: Grandpa & Sally

SALLY: Grandpa, I learned another Beatitude.

GRANDPA: Which one did you learn today?

SALLY: It's "Blessed are the meek."

GRANDPA: That's great, Sally.

SALLY: Grandpa, we have a teacher in third grade that everyone calls 'Meek Mr. Milton'.

GRANDPA: Why would the kids call him that?

SALLY: He's a little man with a high, whiny voice. He's a sissy, Grandpa! Why would Jesus give special blessings to sissies?

GRANDPA: Sally, do not talk that way! Your teachers are your elders. That fact and the fact they are your teachers and that demands your respect.

SALLY: Really? I never even thought about that.

GRANDPA: Besides, meek doesn't mean weak.

SALLY: It doesn't? What does it mean?

GRANDPA: Well, it is like this, I was meek when my ship from Germany landed in New York.

SALLY: I remember you told me you cried tears of joy when you saw the Statue of Liberty, Grandpa. But that didn't mean you were meek! You were just happy to be

in a free land.

GRANDPA: Sally, I really was meek. To be meek means you're willing to surrender your will to another and do what he wants. I was willing to do whatever was necessary to stay in this wonderful country. Later I gave up all allegiance to Germany and became a citizen here.

SALLY: Oh, I see. It's like you were switching your loyalty from Germany to America. But what loyalty does a person switch when he becomes a Christian?

GRANDPA: That's an easy one, Sally. Before I was saved, I obeyed Satan most of the time because I belonged to him. But when I saw my need of Jesus, I surrendered my will to Him. That is being meek.

SALLY: I love Jesus too, but sometimes I still want my own way.

GRANDPA: Ah, yes. We all struggle with that. After I became an American citizen, I sometimes missed Germany. But I had changed my loyalty, so I reminded myself that I was an American now. That's the way it is after we've given Jesus our loyalty. We must daily surrender our will to Him to be fully happy and blessed.

SALLY: Thanks, Grandpa. I understand now. See you later. Bye boys and girls.

GRANDPA: Okay, Bye Sally. Bye kids.

Romans 6:12-14

'Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.'