

## For Our Information

Bill & Joyce Venable are both still dealing with coughing.

Vickie McNeas is doing physical therapy on her hand.

Bill & Joyce Venable's daughter in law, Judy Robinson, is still in the hospital following her cancer surgery. She is doing pretty well.

Several of our members will be travelling this month.

Remember one another as we pray  
to the Father each day

## Contact Us

We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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## This Caught My Eye

Do you listen to music or talk radio on your phone or computer? Do you wish you had something to listen to as you drive to work or on a vacation? I saw something today that might be what you need. Someone posted a link to a site that contains sermon audio files from several Gospel preachers, from the past and present. You will probably recognize some of the names and each one has several sermons listed. I do not know who controls this website, but I have heard some of these men preach and I am sure you can benefit from listening to some, or all of these lessons. Just make sure you compare their message with the Word. There may be other useful resources available on this site also. I have not had time to look around very much. Check out this site—[SearchingTheScriptures.net/main\\_pages/audio\\_files.htm](http://SearchingTheScriptures.net/main_pages/audio_files.htm)

# Seeking His Righteousness

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## "Inherit The Earth"

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Jesus's blessing pronounced upon the meek is that *"they shall inherit the earth."* (Matthew 5:5). On the face of it this might appear to be a rather weak blessing, but there is more here than we may first realize. Peddlers of the Watchtower Society's false doctrines point to this promise as an indication of a material inheritance on an everlasting earth, but a study of the expression *"inherit the earth"* refutes that argument.



*And He said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it."*

**Genesis 15:7**



## Meet With Us

Worship Services

Sunday 10:20 am & 5:00 pm

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Sunday 9:30 AM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

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The words and phrases of a language have a cultural heritage, and often it is necessary to consider that heritage in order to understand an expression. A key to understanding Christ's third beatitude is the fact that it is stated in the thirty-seventh Psalm: "*But the meek shall inherit the earth...*" (**Psalm 37:11**). In fact, a cursory reading of this psalm reveals numerous references to inheriting the earth or land. ("Earth" and "land" are translated from the same Hebrew word in the Old Testament and from the same Greek word in the New Testament, thus the two expressions are equivalent.) What did the psalmist mean by it?

**Psalm 37** contrasts the nature and security of the wicked with those of the righteous. Some men devise wicked schemes, and seem to prosper in them (**verse 7**). They plot against the just, cast down the poor, and slay the upright (**12,13**). They borrow and do not repay (**21**). On the other hand, the righteous trust in the Lord and do good (**3**), mercifully give when none is owed (**21**), and have God's law in their hearts (**31**). Regarding security, the wicked have none; they shall be cut down (**2**), cut off (**9**), and shall vanish away (**20**).

The repeated promise to the just in the psalm is that they shall "*inherit the earth*" or "*inherit the land*." (**9,11,22,29**). In Hebrew culture, inheriting the land was a particularly precious blessing. Speaking of Canaan, God promised Abraham that He would give him "*this land to inherit it*." (**Genesis 15:7**). He led Abraham's descendants from bondage in Egypt to that land of promise and gave it to them as an inheritance. (**Exodus 32:13**). Faithful service to Him

## Store In My Heart

### 1Corinthians 4:6

Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other.

The focus of Paul seems to be keeping ourselves within the boundaries of what has been revealed.

We must always be careful that we do not go beyond what God has revealed. The record of God's revelation to man is our Bible. We cannot add to, or take from, what God has given. The Word is our only link to the Creator. It will take us safely home to the Father, but only if we follow it exactly.

Keep the Word and Keep IN the Word!

would bring blessings of all kinds, including dwelling in the land; but among the many curses for departing from God would be removal to foreign lands. (**Deuteronomy 28:11,36,68**).

Inheriting the land thus came to symbolize the sum of all of God's blessings. Such usage appears in **Psalm 25:13**; **Proverbs 2:21,22**; **Isaiah 57:13**; and **Isaiah 60:21**. This latter passage foretold the blessedness of life in messianic times: "*Also your people shall all be righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be glorified.*"

When Christ told His Jewish audience on the mount that the meek shall inherit the earth, it was no small promise of mere earthly existence, but a statement that the righteous will have the greatest of all of God's blessings as citizens in the messianic kingdom. As descendants of Abraham and students of the Old Testament, the hearers understood the cultural heritage of the expression "*inherit the earth*." This earth shall not last (**2Peter 3:10**); but God's kingdom shall (**Hebrews 12:28**).

(Understanding the meaning behind words and phrases is essential to learning anything. Too often problems arise because how a listener understands a word or phrase is different from the meaning intended by the speaker. This places great responsibility upon the speaker to be as clear as possible in meaning. It also requires the listener to pay attention. With Scripture we must investigate to make certain we understand in light of the circumstances of the message. Study Carefully. DLH)