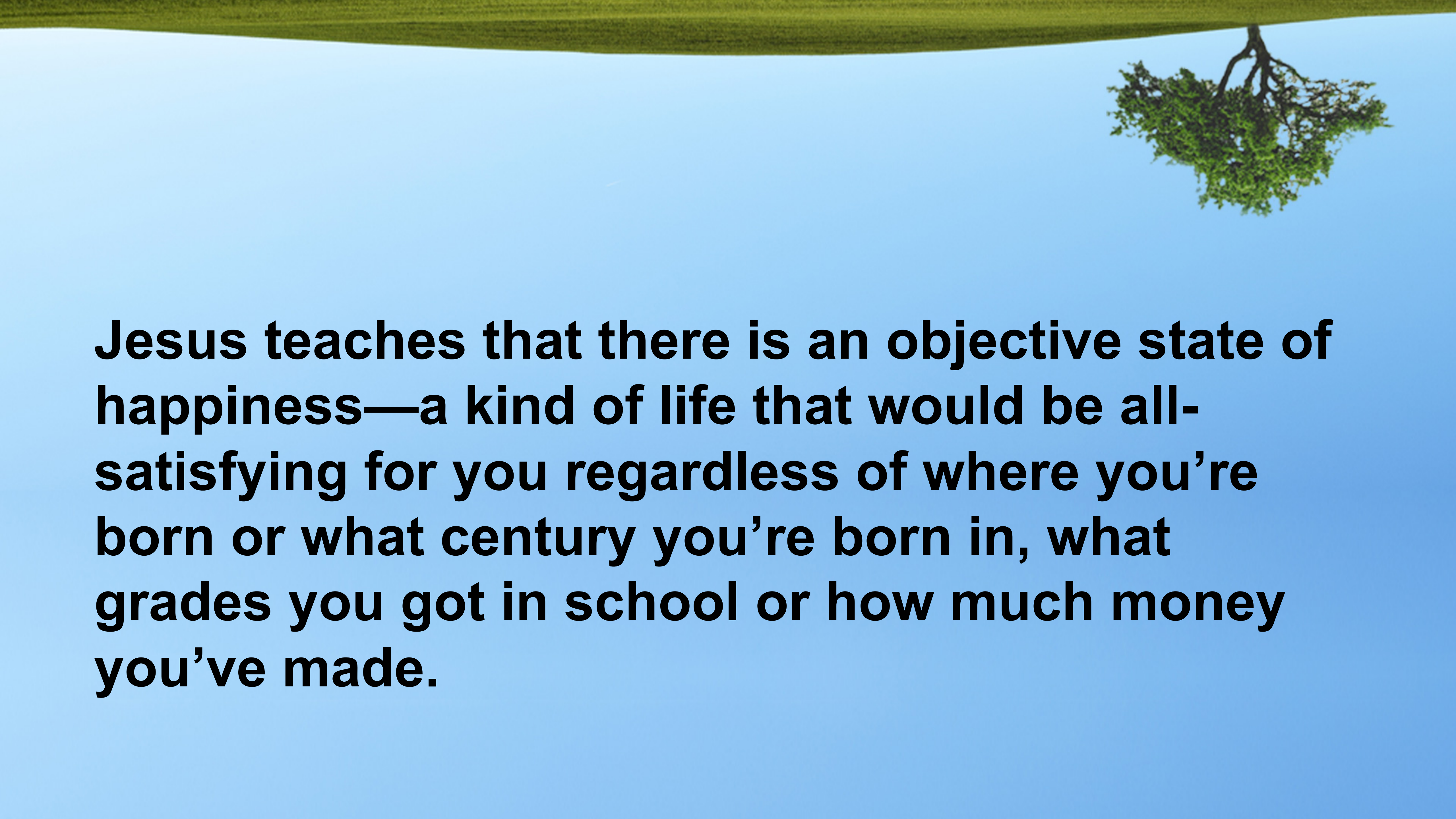




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Jesus teaches that there is an objective state of happiness—a kind of life that would be all-satisfying for you regardless of where you're born or what century you're born in, what grades you got in school or how much money you've made.



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Matthew 5:1-12 (Pg. 968)



Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

**“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.**



**Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.**

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be filled.**

**Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.**

**Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.**



**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because
of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 5:5

**Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.**





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Meek.

The adjective meek describes a person who is willing to go along with whatever other people want to do, like a meek classmate who won't speak up, even when he or she is treated unfairly. A meek *person can also be humble, but these words aren't quite synonyms.*

Blessed the
are meek





**Blessed
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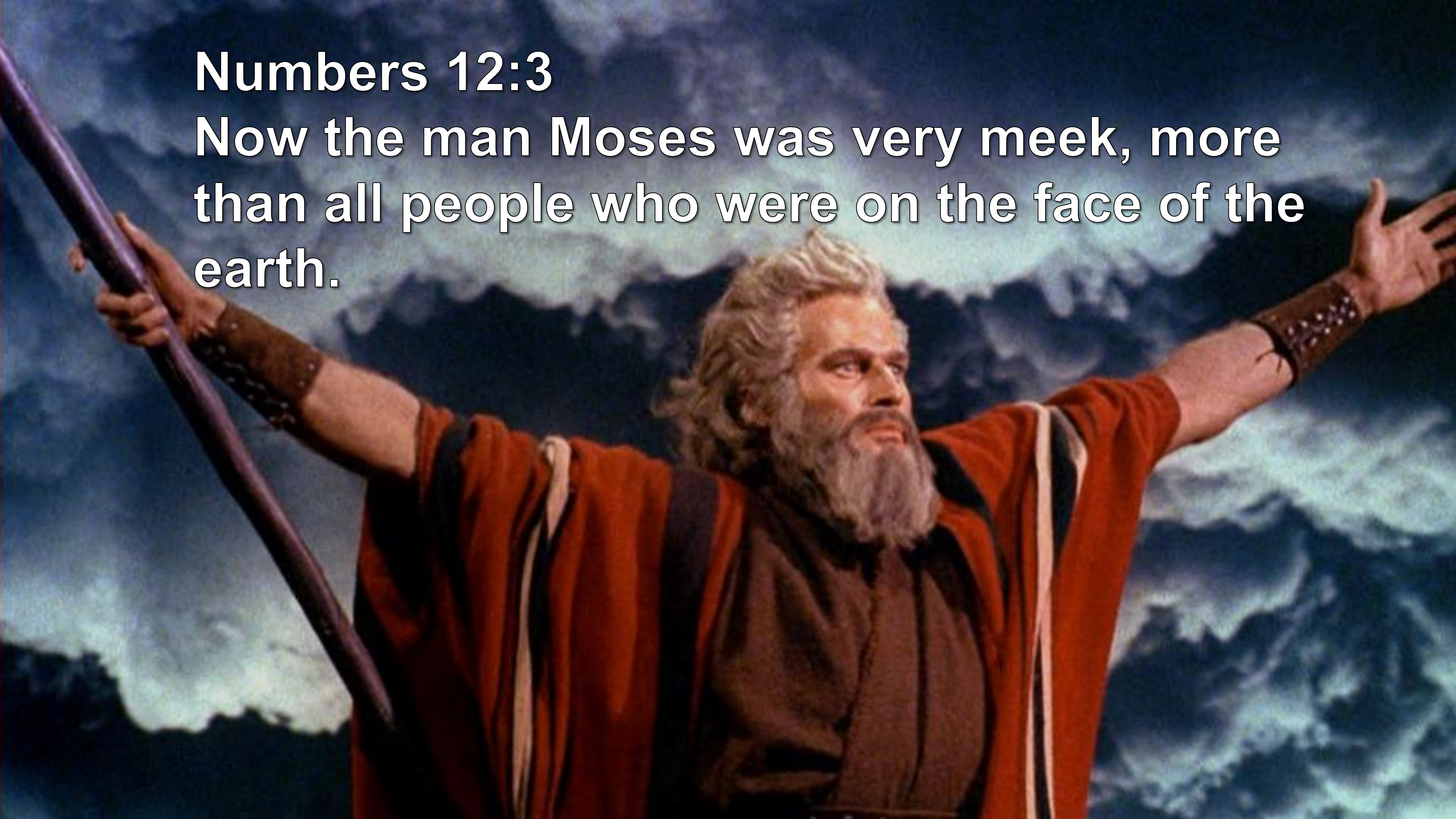


**The Biblical picture
of meekness is
strength under
restraint.**



Numbers 12:3

Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth.



Numbers 11:26-30

Two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”



Numbers 11:26-30

Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

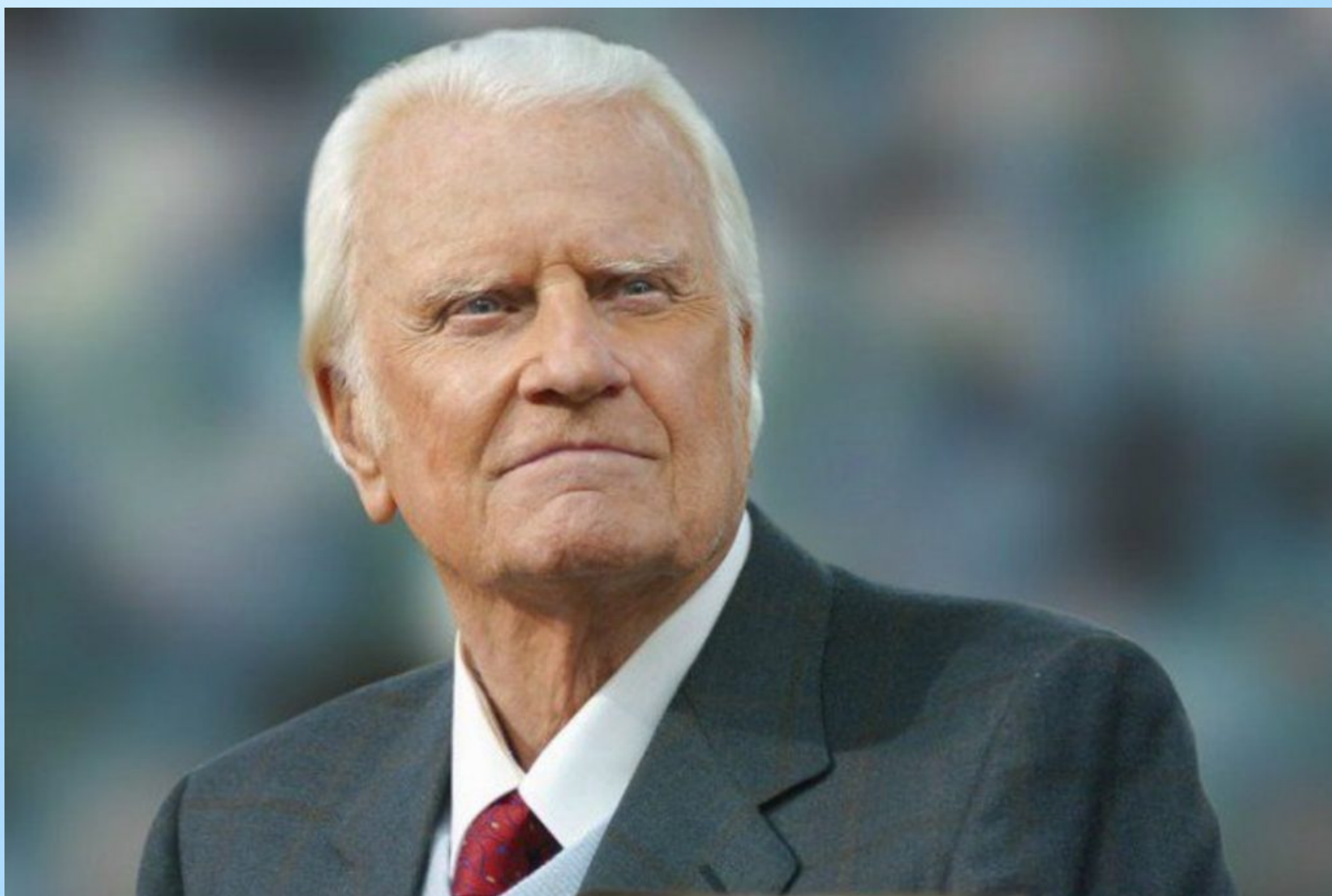




Numbers 12:6-8



“When there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”



Billy Graham

My friend the Franciscan nun says we misread that word meek in the Bible verse that blesses them. To understand the meek (she says)



picture a great stallion at full gallop in a meadow, who--

at his master's voice--seizes up to a stunned
but instant halt. So with the strain of holding
that great power in check, the muscles

along the arched neck keep eddying,
and only the velvet ears
prick forward, awaiting the next order.

- Poem by Mary Karr

Bob Pierce--Founder of World Vision

Stacey Woods--Founder of InterVarsity

Carl Henry--Founder of *Christianity Today*

Bob Evans--Founder of Greater Europe mission

**George Wilson--Founder of Evangelical
Counsel on Accountability**

(Shelley Interview, August 2016)





**The Biblical picture
of meekness is
strength under
restraint.**

It is the bridle!





**Blessed are those
who are strong, yet
under the restraint
of the Lord.**

Matthew 5:5

**Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.**



Matthew 5:5

**Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.**

Psalm 37:11

**But the meek will inherit the land
and enjoy peace and prosperity.**



Inherit the land ...



With the Lord's bridle, we inherit ...

Promised land (Deuteronomy 3:28)

Peace and prosperity (Psalm 37:11)

Double portion (Isaiah 61:7)

Eternal Life (Matthew 19:29)

The Kingdom of God (James 2:5)

Inherit the land ...



Without the Lord's bridle, we inherit ...

Shame (Proverbs 3:5)

Wind (Proverbs 11:29)

Folly (Proverbs 14:18)



Matthew 5:5

**Blessed are the
mEEK, for they will
inherit the earth.**

A photograph of a tree reflected in water, with the top of the image showing the grassy bank and the bottom showing the reflection of the tree in the blue water.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuBdOYZIIW8>

9:26 to the end (10:41)



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