

HUMILITY AND MEEKNESS.

—BIBLE STUDY FOR APRIL—

(Following each question are texts of Scripture in reply, then references to page numbers⁺ of DAWN and WATCH TOWER giving comments; the first six letters of the alphabet represent the respective DAWN volumes, and the TOWERS are designated by the letter 'Z' and the year [1879-1916]. The mark ¶ refers to paragraph in article containing comment. The letter 'R' represents the Reprints article reference, and the page number follows the colon.)

1. What importance does God attach to these graces of Christian character? 1 Pet. 5:5, 6; 3:4; Psa. 147:6; 149:4; F. 90, ¶ 1; E. 254, ¶ 2; A. 83, ¶ 2; Z. '96-R1920: 19 (2nd col. ¶ 1, 2, 3); Z. '00-R2585: 67, 68; R2700: 285 (1st col. ¶ 1).
2. Although the Scriptures use the words interchangeably, yet, strictly speaking, what is the *distinction* between humility and meekness? Z. '00-R2858: 68 (1st col. ¶ 1); (2nd col. ¶ 2); Z. '96-R1962: 79 (2nd col. ¶ 2). See Webster.
3. What is the relation between humility and knowledge? Psa. 25:9; F. 97, ¶ 2; Z. '96-R1920: 18 (2nd col. ¶ 2, 3); 19 (1st and 2nd cols.); Z. '98-2250: 25 (2nd col. ¶ 1); Z. '01-R2860: 262 (1st col. ¶ 1); Z. '05-R3511: 59 (1st col. ¶ 3).
4. How do we know that humility is the *underlying principle* of the divine government? Matt. 23:12; Jas. 4:6, 10; Phil. 2:7-10; E. 151, ¶ 2; E. 423, ¶ 1; Z. '00-R2655: 196 (2nd col. ¶ 2, 3, 4).
5. What does it mean to be 'clothed with humility'? 1 Pet. 5:5; Z. '00-R2655: 196 (2nd col. ¶ 1).
6. Is it possible to have too great humility? E. 255, ¶ 3.
7. What elements of character are indirect opposition to humility? 1 Pet. 5:5; Prov. 3:34; 6:16-19; Z. '97-R2204: 247 (1st col. ¶ 4, 5); Z. '96-R2060: 263 (2nd col. ¶ 3, 4); Z. '99-R2450: 80 (2nd col. ¶ 4); Z. '02-R3114: 359 (1st col. ¶ 1); Z. '03-R3231: 329 (2nd col. ¶ 1).
8. What lessons may we learn from Jesus' example of humility? Phil. 2:8; E. 124, 125, 437, (¶ 1); Z. '97-R2201: 242 (2nd col. ¶ 3); Z. '97-R2228: 296 (2nd col. ¶ 2) to 297, (¶ 4); Z. '99-R2450: 80 (2nd col. ¶ 1, 3); Z. '05-R3495: 30 (1st col. ¶ 4).
9. Was humility characteristic of the apostles? Eph. 3:8; Z. '95-R1885: 250 (1st col. ¶ 3); Z. '01-R2826: 187 (1st col. ¶ 3); (2nd col. ¶ 1, 2); F. 210, (¶ 2) to 212, (¶ 1).
10. Why is humility a chief essential in an Elder? 1 Tim. 3:6; F. 246, ¶ 2; F. 251, ¶ 2; F. 278, ¶ 4; F. 296, ¶ 1, 2; Z. '03-R3278: 430 (1st col. ¶ 3).
11. Why should husbands cultivate and exercise humility? Eph. 5:25; F. 497, ¶ 1.
12. How can wives exercise humility? Eph. 5:22-24; F. 500, ¶ 2.
13. Why is it important that we teach our children meekness and humility? Zeph. 2:3; F. 555, ¶ 1; Z. '96-R1963: 82 (1st and 2nd cols.); Z. '96-R2021: 192 (1st col. ¶ 4, 5).
14. What Scriptural promises are given to the meek and humble?
15. What notable illustrations and examples of meekness and humility do we find in the Bible? Matt. 11:28-30; Num. 12:3; Matt. 8:8; Jno. 13:1-17; Z. '01-R2903: 347 (2nd col. ¶ 1, 2).
16. Give suggestions as to the best methods for acquiring and cultivating these important graces. Z. '96-R1962: 79 (2nd col. ¶ 2, 3).
(a) By prayer. Psa. 19:12-14.
(b) By studying the divine wisdom, knowledge and power, as manifested in the Word and in Nature. Psa. 8:3, 4; 1 Cor. 4:7.
(c) By comparing ourselves with our Perfect Pattern, the Lord Jesus. Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18.
17. What additional thoughts can be found by consulting the Topical Indexes of the 'New Bible' and 'Heavenly Manna'?

⁺ Some references have been altered from the original WATCH TOWER article to correspond correctly to the page number in certain reprinted publications.