

AT THE MASTER'S FEET:
A study of Jesus' Sermons in the Gospel of Matthew
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THE MASTER'S KINGDOM: THE RECONCILED LIFE

HUMBLING YOURSELF - Matthew 18:1-6

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18:1 I. We seek human greatness.

"At that time the disciples came to Jesus saying, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?'"
cf. Matthew 20:20-28; Mark 9:33-37; 10:35-45; Luke 22:24-27

:2-6 II. Christ teaches human weakness.

"And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them..."
cf. II Corinthians 4:5; 12:7-10

:3,4 A. We must become child-like.

- ◆ Trusting
- ◆ Vulnerable
- ◆ Dependent

1. This requires repentance.

"...and said, 'Truly I say to you, unless you turn and become like children....'"

2. This brings great consequence.

a. entrance into the kingdom

"...you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

cf. Matthew 5:20; 19:14; Luke 18:15-17

b. greatness in the kingdom

"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest."

cf. Psalm 37:11; Matthew 5:5, 19; James 4:6, 10; I Peter 5:6

Three reasons for humility:

◆ We are creatures.

cf. Isaiah 6:2; Romans 9:20

◆ We are sinful creatures.

cf. Psalm 51:3-5; Luke 18:13

◆ We are redeemed sinful creatures.

cf. Romans 3:27; Galatians 6:14; Ephesians 2:8, 9; I Timothy 1:12-17

:5,6 B. We must receive His other children.

cf. John 13:1-17

1. Obedience brings great reward.

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me...."

cf. Matthew 10:40; 25:34-40; John 13:20

2. Disobedience brings great punishment.

"...but whoever causes one of these little ones who believes in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea."

cf. Matthew 25: 44, 46