

NEVER GET ON A HIGH HORSE!

Based on the command of Christ #29 – “Despise not”.

Matthew 18:1-10

1. At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"
2. He called a little child and had him stand among them.
3. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
4. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
5. "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.
6. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.
7. "Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come!
8. If your hand or your foot causes you to sin cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire.
9. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.
10. "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

Vs. 10 KJV - "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven."

"Take heed" = "You better pay close attention".

I. What Does the Word "*Despise*" Mean?

Despise = "mentally against the person".

II. How Do We "*Despise*" the Little Ones?

Romans 12:3 "...do not think of yourself more highly than you ought..."

Matthew 18:10b - "...in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven."

III. Humility vs. Pride

Matthew 18:3 - And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

IV. Jesus Identifies With the "Least"!

Matthew 25:40 - "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Luke 16:15 - He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight."

V. The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew 18:2-3

3. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change (KJV-Be converted) and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

4. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

"converted" = "twist it completely to the reverse."

VI. Overcoming The Temptation To Despise Little Or Lesser Ones.

Matthew 5:3 - "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

VII. Our Motives Must Be Exposed!

Mark 9:35-37

35. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

36. He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them,

37. "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

