

3. From where should this kind of forgiveness come? (Matthew 18:35)_____

ON ATTITUDE TOWARD FELLOW CHRISTIANS
(Mark 9:38-41; Luke 9:49,50)

John came to Jesus. It seemed the disciples had found one who was casting out devils in the name of Jesus; and they had forbidden him to do so because he was not following them. Jesus rebuked this attitude.

1. In Mark 9:39 and 40, what did Jesus say in defense of the man? _____

OFFENDING MEMBERS; REALITY OF HELL
(Matthew 18:8,9; Mark 9:43-50)

1. How did Jesus describe hell in Mark 9:43,44?

Jesus was stating in Mark 9:43-50 it would be far better to have one's hand and foot cut off and one's eyes plucked out if these members (parts of the body) caused us to sin than to miss heaven entirely.

TWENTY SECOND STUDY

THE CHRISTIAN AND CHILDREN

And Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:2,3



JESUS' SERMON ON A CHILD (Matthew 18:1-7; Mark 9:33-37, 42; Luke 9:46-48)

When Jesus came to Capernaum and went into the house He asked His disciples, ...*What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?* (Mark 9:33) They hesitated, for they had been arguing together who should be the greatest.

1. In Mark 9:35, When Jesus sat down, and called the twelve: what did He say unto them? (Mark the correct answer or answers.)
 - (a) If any man desire to be first, he must prove to be the most spiritual.
 - (b) If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all.
 - (c) If any man desire to be first, he must be servant of all.
 - (d) All of the above.
 - (e) None of the above.

2. Who did Jesus use in His example in this lesson of humility? (Mark 9:36) _____

3. Who did Jesus say they received when they received a little child in His name? (Mark 9:37)_____

In other words, the main characteristic of Christian greatness is humility; not impressive performance. Christ's way runs directly counter to the way of the world (Isaiah 55:8).

4. In Mark 9:42, there are differences of opinions among commentators as to whether ...*little ones* ... still refers to children, or whether Jesus here passes over to the idea of new converts. What is your opinion?_____

The millstone referred to also in Mark 9:42, is a Greek and Roman punishment, not Jewish; and is thought to be reserved for the greatest criminals; the size of the stone would prevent any chance of the body rising again to the surface and being buried by friends----which was considered a great horror of death among the heathens.

DISCIPLINE IN THE CHURCH (Matthew 18:15-20)

When a brother in the kingdom trespasses against another brother there are three steps the offended brother can take:

(1) Settle the personal difference by yourself (Matthew 18:15; 23-26; Luke 17:3-4; Leviticus 19:17).

(2) Confirm your efforts by two or three witnesses (Matthew 18:16; 2 Corinthians 13:1; Deuteronomy 17:6; 19:15).

(3) Take a stubborn and unforgiving brother before the church and if he refuses all means of reconciliation, then let him be excommunicated (Matthew 18:17). If men will not forgive, neither will God forgive (Matthew 6:14-15; 18:21-35; Mark 11:25,26; Romans 16:17).

In Matthew 18:18, Jesus gives instructions about "binding and loosing;" and in verse 19, the "prayer of agreement" where God promised the Father would respond to their petition.

1. In Matthew 18:20, what qualifications did Jesus require for Him to be in our midst? _____

PARABLE OF FORGIVENESS (Matthew 18:21-35; Luke 17:3,4)

Jesus began to teach the importance of Christians forgiving one another. Peter wanted to know how often should his brother sin against him, and he forgive him. Peter suggested seven times. Jesus replied, "No, not seven times, but seventy times seven (or indefinitely). Then He told this story in Matthew 18:23-35.

1. After the king forgave this man and canceled his debt of about ten million dollars; what did the man in turn do to one who owed him about twenty dollars? (Matthew 18:28,30)_____

2. What did the king do to the unforgiving man? (Matthew 18:34)_____