

A Child of God

Mark 10:13-19

Introduction: What is your opinion of children? Some see them as a nuisance (Matthew 19, Mark 10), others take them for granted while others see them as special in the sight of God.

I. Children Are Special in the Sight of God

- A. Their importance to the family
Man's riches, v. 2 of "Because He Lives", Ps127:3-5
- B. Their importance to the congregation
They represent leadership, strength, potential
- C. Their importance to God
Mark 10:13-16, Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Parents are stewards of their children

II. How Are We To Be Like Children?

- A. In Our humility Before God
 - 1. A Child believes his parents can do anything
 - 2. Salvation comes only through Christ
 - a. Not by our own strength, 2 Kings 5
 - b. Not by our own good works, Acts 10
 - c. Not by our wealth/prestige, Mt. 19:22
 - 3. We must be less, he must be greater, Jn 3:30
- B. In Our Desire To Be Close to God
 - 1. A child loves to be with his parents
 - 2. We must desire to be in the presence of God
Psalm 41:1, 122:1, Phil 1:23
 - 3. We must treat God as God in word and deed
Psalm 11:9, Rev. 4:8
- C. In Our Trust in God's Protection
 - 1. A child knows his parents will protect him
 - 2. Our God sees us through every difficulty
Heb. 13:5, Romans 8:28
 - 3. No problem is too great for God to handle
Revelation 1:8

Conclusion: A father's love for his child, John 4:46-50 Nobleman from Capernaum traveled to Galilee to beg for his child...