

“Free (Forgiven) to Serve”

Unit 6

Chs.19-20

Is divorce permitted?

- 📖 God’s original design is one flesh.
- 📖 Divorce is permitted because of a lack of unrepentance and mercy.
- 📖 Marriage is forever.

What about eunuchs?

Let the little children come

What is meant by little children?

- † Humble like children.
- † Faith like a child.
- † Not preoccupied with pressing urgencies of worldly temporalities.
- † Being occupied with mercy, loving and relational connectedness.
- † Unless we tie into what He wants us to be, the kingdom of heaven is not ours.

The Rich Man cannot fit into the Kingdom

- 🌐 The way we see God.
 - How do we see good?
- 🌐 The way we think God sees us.
 - How do we think God sees good?
- 🌐 The Truth.
 - What is truly good?
 - Why did Jesus start by questioning the latter 6 commandments?
 - How does “sell everything you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow M,” speak to the first four commandments?
 - Why does Jesus focus on the rich man’s love of worldly riches? What’s the truth? How does the lack of love for God affect true love and goodness to our neighbor?

Only **Jesus, the Word fulfilled,** can expose our true condition of false worship and loyalty to God.

- ### If you forsake your old perception of the cares and worries of this life, you will receive a new perspective that will be life abundant and to the full, which is eternal life.
- ### This is impossible for man but only possible through the **grace of God.**
- ### This grace is the salvation that has come through the God who became flesh so that we could become like Him. Identity for identity. All comes through the Word fulfilled. The identity which comes through Christ says, “I want to be in Your presence forever more.”

GRACE = (GOODNESS)ⁿ

The First shall be Last and the Last shall be First

- ✦ Those hired last received the same pay!
- ✦ The love of the Landowner is not dependent on our works and efforts.
 - There's nothing you can do to get paid more.
 - The only thing we can do for God is to put Him and His kingdom first.
- ✦ Our perspective needs to be in line with the Landowners.

Jesus again predicts His death

- ✦ Jesus was making it clear that He knew what He was doing. He knew He was on the road to His death which would reconcile man to God and pay all debts to settle accounts. The disciples would be able to look back and see the Lamb of God led to slaughter and realize that He was laying down His life to find His true life (resurrection).

Request for a position of Greatness

- ✦ Do you know what you're asking for if you want to be great in God's kingdom?
- ✦ God is the only One who can and will grant greatness in Christ and through Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- ✦ God's greatness is diametrically opposed to man's greatness. To be a servant of God's

Two Blind Men receive their sight

Son of David, have mercy on us!

“What do you want Me to do for you?”

Discussion: Why would the crowd rebuke the two blind men? What do you want Jesus to do for you?

Discussion: What do we see? What / who are we looking at? How does all of what Jesus has fulfilled in the Law, Prophets, and miracles get us to look up at the cross and resurrection of Christ and experience of it?

The Word Incarnate will expose your true identity. The Word will expose whether we are truly humble like little children. Faith like a child is the confidence that a child has in their father. A child of God will want to be perfect like his/her Father. The Holy Spirit of grace and truth compels us to love, to serve in every aspect of our lives – to live in the Refiner's fire, feeding on meat, heading into “dessert”, ie. the sweetness of God's Spirit, **“Taste and see that the Lord is good.”**

Week 13

Chs.21-23

Unit 7

Week 14

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Week 15

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