

Matthew Lesson 19 a

The Gospel According to Matthew -- Chapter 19:1-15

Historical background – in Chapter 18, Jesus uses a parable to teach about the kingdom of heaven. Here’s a summary of this parable.

- We all are God’s debtors (sins)
- None of us is able to pay for our own or our brother’s debt (sins)
- The debt (sins) must be paid
- The debt (sin) is paid for all who believe in Jesus – by Christ’s atoning sacrifice
- We can experience the assurance of forgiveness if we are eager to forgive sins committed against us
- It shouldn’t be difficult to forgive others when we ourselves have been forgiven so much
- Who must take the first step towards reconciliation? Both the one who inflicted the injury and the one who suffered injury.

Vocabulary

- divorce

- sexual immorality

- eunuchs

- rebuked

- do not hinder

Questions about Chapter 19

1. Where did Jesus move to once he finished speaking in Chapter 18? (v. 1-2)
2. How did the Pharisees try to test or trick Jesus? What did they ask? (v. 3)
3. Jesus taught the crowds from Genesis, chapters 1 and 2. What did Jesus teach about marriage and divorce? (v. 4-6)
4. The Pharisees asked another question about Moses. How did Jesus respond? (v. 7-9)
5. Then Jesus’ disciples asked a question. How would you answer their question? How did Jesus answer? (v. 10-12)
6. People brought many children to Jesus. How did the disciples respond? How did Jesus respond? (v. 13-15)
7. What is Jesus teaching us all in verses 14 and 15?