

## The last will be first -7 points to life

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### Matthew 19

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Matthew 19<sup>th</sup> is separated into 3 parts.

What is so significant about the way this chapter is separated is it begins with the **law of divorce** and then evolves into the humility and the mindset to serve God by the way we **treat children** and ends with the proper order of the kingdom of God in paradox to the world's order: **the last shall be first and the first shall be last.**

Let us read the chapter in its entirety:

#### **Divorce**

**19** When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. <sup>2</sup> Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

<sup>3</sup> Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"

<sup>4</sup> "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'<sup>5</sup> and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'<sup>6</sup>?" <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>7</sup> "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"

<sup>8</sup> Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. <sup>9</sup> I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

<sup>10</sup> The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry."

<sup>11</sup> Jesus replied, "Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. <sup>12</sup> For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it."

### **The Little Children and Jesus**

<sup>13</sup> Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

<sup>14</sup> Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." <sup>15</sup> When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

### **The Rich and the Kingdom of God**

<sup>16</sup> Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"

<sup>17</sup> "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

<sup>18</sup> "Which ones?" he inquired.

Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, <sup>19</sup> honor your father and mother,'<sup>(a)</sup> and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'<sup>(a)</sup>"

<sup>20</sup> "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?"

<sup>21</sup> Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

<sup>22</sup> When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>25</sup> When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?"

<sup>26</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

<sup>27</sup> Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"

<sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup> But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first."

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### Divorce

Jesus spoke about the law of divorce according to Moses, under the old covenant (Old Testament) in contrast to the new covenant (The crucifixion of Jesus) Jesus was explaining to the disciples what was going to be permitted under the new covenant- this took **FAITH** on behalf of the disciples- they did not totally understand.

Point 1: To live this life we must have **FAITH**

Point 2: To live this life we must **TRUST** God

### The little children

The significance of the way we treat little children- the closest to God on earth because they are innocent and able to hear the word of God without the negative experiences of this life. WE MUST take care of the children and failure to do so will limit and exclude us from the kingdom of God. Being saved is not a magical verse it is a way of the heart, soul, mind, body, and spiritual being.

Point 3: To live this life we must take care of **the CHILDREN**

Point 4: To live this life we must be prepared to do all things unto God without selfish ambition- we must be **HUMBLE**

Colossians 3:17:

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### The Rich and the Kingdom of God

WE will spend the most time today on this part of Matthew chapter 19 because of the importance of eternal life in relation to what is considered a “good” life on earth and what is a “good” life in heaven. If you want to enter life

“life” in this passage is not what we experience on earth

Point 5: **Keep the commandments** and specifically the following ones to enter into life:

- You shall not murder
- You shall not commit adultery
- You shall not steal
- You shall not give false testimony
- Honor your father and mother
- Love your neighbor as yourself

**This is only ONE GOOD ONE- per JC**

Point 6: If you **want to be perfect**, do the following:

- Sell your possessions
- Give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven.
- Then come, follow me

Point 7: <sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, **at the renewal of all things**, when the **Son of Man sits on his glorious throne**, you who **have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel**. <sup>29</sup> And **everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife<sup>or</sup> or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life**. <sup>30</sup> **But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.**

We CANNOT value anything over people or we will NOT enter the Kingdom of God