

The Blessing Of Children

Psalms 127:3-5 [New King James] *“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one’s youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.”*

The Eternal God looks on our children as a great blessing.

Mark 10:13-15 [New King James] *“Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.’”*

The actions of Jesus Christ show clearly how important our children are to God. We can learn from them as they are taught by us.

Matthew 18:1-6 [New King James] *“At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, ‘Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’ Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are **converted** and become as **little children**, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.’”*

Note what Jesus Christ was saying about little children is in context of who would be considered great in the Kingdom of God.

“Converted” [verse 3] – the Greek word used is *“strēphō”* meaning to turn around on a base. So conversion is taking a completely new direction in our lives by a change of mind, for our minds are the core of our personality, thoughts and character.

Do not overlook the fact that Jesus Christ was talking to people who were already His disciples.

Following Jesus Christ must involve change, to take on a new mind.

What is different about a little child to that of a mature human being?

- a) **A little child is naturally teachable.** Everything is something new to acquire.
- b) **A little child has complete trust in their parents.**
- c) **Their parents are the source of their instruction, just as a Christian we are taught by our spiritual Father, and nurtured by the true Church.**

Jesus Christ blessed the little children, [Mark 10:16]. The Greek word used was *“eulōgēō”* meaning to speak well of, to be thankful for that is a desire for them to prosper, this shows part of the very character of God.

It is natural that we should have this same close relationship with our children, we hurt when they fail in some project, we *“bleed”* when they are hurt by mistakes they make.

If we respond in this way, how much more must the Eternal God feel when we make what will be hurtful mistakes?

Paul gives us an additional insight to the mind of the Eternal God, and His concern for the children of Christian or non-Christian parents.

1 Corinthians 7:14 [New King James] *“For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be **unclean**, but now they are **holy**.”*

“Unclean” is referring to ceremonially unable to approach the Holy God.

“Holy” the Greek word used is **“hagiōs”** made up of two words meaning **“clean”** and **“cherished.”**

Even if our partner is as yet uncalled by God, **not** a Christian, our children have a spiritual Father, who is very protective of our children.

Matthew 18:10 [New King James] *“Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.”*

Each child has a guardian angel, [Psalms 34:7; Acts 12:15; Hebrews 1:14] constant access to God the Father.

As parents we have been delegated by the Eternal God a part in preparing His children, [Psalms 127:3] to become part of His created family, the Kingdom of God in the future, not something to be taken lightly.