

Mark 10:13-16

We Must Enter The Kingdom Of God Like Children




The Problem Of "Status"

9:34 Who is the greatest?
 9:37 Whoever receives a child in My name

9:38 Jealousy over a man casting out demons
 9:42 Don't cause a little one to stumble

10:13 Disciples rebuked the children coming to Jesus
 10:15 One must receive the Kingdom like a child

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The Problem of Human Inability

Mark 10:5 Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.

Mark 10:15 Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter at all.

Mark 10:27 With people it is impossible. But with God all things are possible.

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The Kingdom Belongs To The Child

Mark 10:13-14 And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; **for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.**"

1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, **do not be children in your thinking**; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature.

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We Are Helpless Before God

Mark 10:15 Truly I say to you, whoever does not **receive** the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all.

1 Corinthians 2:14 NET The unbeliever does not **receive** the things of the Spirit of God, for **they are foolishness to him**. And he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

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Jesus Is Yahweh Who Longs To Be Gracious

Mark 10:16 And He took them in His arms and **began blessing them**, laying His hands on them.

Isaiah 30:18 Therefore the **LORD longs to be gracious to you**, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; **How blessed are all those who long for Him.**

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Application

1. We are helpless before God and completely dependent upon Him for salvation.

Keseth = covenant love (unmerited love, mercy)

Exodus 15:13 In Your **lovingkindness** You have led the people whom You have redeemed; In Your strength You have guided them to Your holy habitation.

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1 Samuel 20:13-15 If it please my father to do you harm, **may the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also**, if I do not make it known to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. And may the LORD be with you as He has been with my father. % I am still alive, will you not show me the **lovingkindness of the LORD**, that I may not die? % you shall not cut off **your lovingkindness** from my house forever, not even when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.

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2 Samuel 9:1 Then David said, %s there yet anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him **kindness** for Jonathan's sake?+

2 Samuel 9:3b-4 ò Ziba said to the king, %One of Jonathan's sons is left; **both of his feet are crippled**.+ The king asked him, %Where is he?+ Ziba told the king, %He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in **Lo Debar**.

Lo Debar = %no place+

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2 Samuel 9:5 So King David had him brought from the house of Makir son of Ammiel in **Lo Debar**.

2 Samuel 9:6-7 When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed low with his face toward the ground. David said, Mephibosheth? He replied, Yes, at your service. David said to him, Don't be afraid, because I will certainly extend kindness to you for the sake of Jonathan your father. **You will be a regular guest at my table.**

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2 Samuel 9:8 Again he prostrated himself and said, What is your servant, that you should regard a dead dog like me?+

Ephesians 2:1, 4-6 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

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