

# Suffer The Little Children

MARK 10:13-16

Intro. **A.** Jesus answered questions about divorce.

Vs. 2 **1.** The Pharisees asked Him.

Vs. 10 **2.** His disciples also asked Him.

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**B.** In the same context they brought little children to Him.

**1.** There may or may not be some connection.

**2.** We all know that children suffer when parents divorce.

## I. Little Children And The Disciples.

**A.** "And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them."

Vs. 13a **1.** "brought" = προσφέρω = "to bring to or towards".

**2.** "children" = παιδία = "a little or young child"

**3.** "touch" = ἅπτομαι = "to apply one's self to"

Vs. 13b **B.** "...and his disciples rebuked those that brought them".

**1.** "Rebuked" = ἐπιτιμάω = to put estimate higher, hence, "to admonish strongly", "to find fault severely".

**2.** "the disciples scolded them..."

## II. Little Children And Jesus.

Vs. 14a **A.** "But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased..."

**1.** "displeased" = ἀγαπᾶν = "to be much pained"

**2.** This was much more than displeasure. It was painful to Jesus. Again His disciples had not learned the truths He taught.

3. Matt 18:3-4 - στήσω

4. converted = Mid. and intransitive, to be changed, to become as it were another person.

5. "humble" = ταπεινώ = to depress, to lower, to bring low. - etymology: to abase one's self, the subjection of the mind to God's will and judgement. In fasting or bowing it is not the act but the subjection to God that brings the act to being.

In Judaism, to be dependent on God's mercy & grace. It is symbolized or illustrated by the sheep which is led to the slaughter and the lamb before its shears. It is to become a child again before God. To trust Him utterly, to expect everything from Him and nothing from self. A little child contributes nothing but himself.

### C. What Jesus did.

vs. 16

1. He took them up in His arms.
2. He put His hands upon them.
3. He blessed them. καταευλογέω = κατα + ευλογέω = to speak well of, to praise, to invoke God's goodness upon, to confer happiness. He did this fervently.

### IV. Some Very Practical Observations.

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1. Children, Salvation and the age of Accountability by Bro. Bill Johnson, Editor-in-chief of publications