

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Honouring the Ones God Honours

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Heaven's Perspective:

Matthew 25:31-46 (NLT) "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. ³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' ³⁷ "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? ³⁹ When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!' ⁴¹ "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. ⁴² For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. ⁴³ I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' ⁴⁴ "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?' ⁴⁵ "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.' ⁴⁶ "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

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- **One way to define "the least of these" is... someone who can't pay me back.**

Children, the least of these:

Matthew 18:10-14 (NLT) "Beware that you don't look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father. ¹² "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost? ¹³ And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he will rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that didn't wander away! ¹⁴ In the same way, it is not my heavenly Father's will that even one of these little ones should perish.

(see also Matthew 18:1-9)

- **Children are a sub-category of those classified as "the least of these".**
- **Children are important to God. It is wisdom to honour the ones God honours.**

Compassion International & Evangelism:

"If I could re-live my life, I would devote my entire ministry to reaching children for God." D.L. Moody

- **Reaching children for Christ impacts families, communities, and countries.**
- **Compassion International is distinct because of their absolute commitment to evangelism.**
- **Compassion International is distinct because of their commitment to the local church.**

Actions Steps:

- **Be a part of transforming lives for eternity by sponsoring a Compassion child.**
- **See children with heaven's perspective; honour the ones God honours.**
- **Help to fulfill Jeremiah 29:11 in the lives of these children.**

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT).



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4) Read Matthew 18:10-14 and Matthew 18:1-9. What is Jesus’ perspective on children and how is this revolutionary in light of the times he lived? What does this tell us about God? What does this tell us about children?

5) How does the Gospel of Christ reveal God’s commitment to the “least of these”. How does this inspire and empower us to honour those who God honours?

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