

Kingdom Heirs

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Psalm 127:3-5 (NIV) – “Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one’s youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court”.

Luke 18:15-17 (NIV) – “People were also bringing babies to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to Him and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it’”.

“Not only did Jesus welcome these little human beings as members of the kingdom of God, He also extolled them as model citizens of the same, because of their capacity to trust and love” – **C. Marvin Pate**

Luke 18:9-14 (NIV) – To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get’. But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner’. I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted”.

Luke 18:18 (NIV) – A certain ruler asked Him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life”.

Psalm 51:16-17 (NIV) – “You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise”.

Psalm 51:16-17 (MSG) - “Going through the motions doesn’t please you, a flawless performance is nothing to you. I learned God-worship when my pride was shattered. Heart-shattered lives ready for love don’t for a moment escape God’s notice”.

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James 1:27 (NIV) – “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world”.

“**look after**” = Greek *episkeptomai* – “to visit; to inspect; to go and see”

Isaiah 1:12-15 (NIV) – “When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations – I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood!”

Isaiah 1:16-17 (NIV) – “Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight’ stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow”.

“Every Christian is to function as a kingdom independent, which means there is no ultimate loyalty to one earthly party over another. The reason for this is there is only One lawgiver, and all laws should reflect His government” – **Tony Evans, Kingdom Politics**

Proverbs 24:11-12 (NIV) - “Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, ‘But we knew nothing about this’, does not He who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not He who guards your life know it? Will He not repay everyone according to what they have done?”