

The Messiah

a study of the Gospel according to Matthew / 18:1-14

“Who, then, is the _____ ...?” (18:1b-d)

According to Jesus, true greatness belongs to ...

1. The spiritually _____.

a. The change is evidenced by their _____.

... He called a little child to Him, and placed the child among them.
And ... said: “... unless you change and become like little children,
you will never enter ... heaven. Therefore, *whoever takes the lowly
position of this child* is **the greatest** in the kingdom of heaven.” (1-4)

b. The change is evidenced by their _____.

“And *whoever welcomes one such child in My name welcomes Me.*” (5)

* ... have the same mindset as Christ Jesus ... by taking the very nature
of a servant ... He humbled Himself ... (Philippians 2:5-8)

2. The morally _____.

a. They believe the Lord’s warning of _____.

“If anyone causes one of these little ones – those who believe in Me –
to stumble, it would be better ... to be drowned ... *but woe* ...” (6-7)

b. They choose loss for the wellbeing of the _____.

“... *It is better for you to enter life maimed* ... than to ... be thrown into
... the fire of hell.” (8-9)

* ... make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way
of a brother or sister ... Do not destroy the work of God ... (Romans 14:13-21)

3. The eternally _____.

a. Therefore, they have their own _____.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones ... *their angels*
in heaven always see the face of My Father in heaven.” (10-11)

b. Therefore, they have their Father’s _____.

“If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one ... wanders away, will he not
leave ... and go to look for the one ...? ... *In the same way your Father
in heaven* is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.” (12-14)

* “My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish ...” (John 10:27-28)

“Anyone who wants to be first [the greatest] must be *the very last*,
and *the servant of* _____.” (Mark 9:35c-d)

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