

**Series "Behold Your King"**  
**"Who is the Greatest?"**  
**Matthew 18:1-14**  
**Part-81**

Matt 18:1

Humility – It is a compound word: "to think" or "judge" with "lowliness", "humbleness of mind, a deep sense of one's (moral) littleness; modesty"

Matt. 5:3

Ephesians 2:8-9

- 1. Verses 1-5 – Great Need of Conversion**
- 2. Verses 6-7 – Great Warning For Offenders**
- 3. Verses 8-10 – Great Judgment For Offenders**
- 4. Verses 11-14 – Great Value Of All Believers**

**1. Verses 1-5 – Great Need of Conversion:**

Matt 17:22-23

Mark 9:33

Greatest – Literally "the larger, the elder, the one above all others"

Matt 20:18-21

The Last Supper: Luke 22:21-24

A desire for greatness is not wrong: Matt 20:26-27

What *is* wrong is a selfish, self-centered desire for greatness:

Gen. 3:5)

James 4:1-3

Galatians 6:3

Matt 18:2

Matt. 23:12

Matt 18:3

The necessity of conversion: converted – “to twist, turn around or reverse”

The evidence of conversion: and become like children,

John 3:3

Matt 18:4

What are some lessons we learn from children?

1. Humility - is obedience: "Whoever then humbles himself as this child -

Matt 18:2

“Pride is competing with God; humility is submitting to God.”

2. Children are good receivers -
3. Acceptance of authority -
4. Short memories -
5. Wonder -

Matt 18:5

- True Greatness is: When we reach out and receive others - "And whoever receives one such child"
- True Greatness is: Sharing the good news of Jesus - "In My name"
- True Greatness is: Knowing the way we treat others is the way we treat Jesus - "receives Me;"

Luke 9:48

Phil 2:3-5

## **2. Verses 6-7 – Great Warning For Offenders:**

Stumble - "putting something in the way of someone else's obedience to God and so causing them to stumble"

Directly causing offense –

Indirectly causing offense –

2 Sam 12:14

Matt 18:7

## **3. Verses 8-10 – Great Judgment For Offenders:**

Matt 18:8-9

Matt 5:29-30

Note the strong words of Jesus:

v. 8 – cast into the eternal fire

v. 9 – cast into the fiery hell

Heb 10:27

Gen 3:4

Rev 6:17

Matt 18:10

## **4. Verses 11-14 – Great Value Of All Believers**

Matt 18:11-12

Encouragement of all true Christians not just for children:

John 10:14

Luke 15:4-7

Matt 18:13-14

John 18:9

**Application:**

1. We need to come to God in child-like humility:
2. "Pride is competing with God, humility is submitting to God."
3. Jesus is the standard of Greatness:
4. Conflict in ones walk with God, marriage, family, and church can be traced back to a wrong concept of greatness.

John 13