

Church Discipline: Foundation, Framing, and Focus

Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 170

Matthew 18:10-20

April 16, 2023

Pastor Dan Phillips

Copperfield Bible Church

- ¹⁰ “See that you do not disdain one of these small *ones*; for I say to you that their angels in the heavens continually see the face of My Father who is in the heavens.¹
- ¹² “What does it seem *like* to you? If some man should happen to have a hundred sheep, and one of them strays, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and seek the straying *sheep*?
- ¹³ “And if it should happen that he finds it, amen, I say to you that he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine who have not strayed.
- ¹⁴ “Thus it is not the will of your Father who is in the heavens that one of these small *ones* perish.²
- ¹⁵ “And if your brother sins,³ go reprove him — between you and him, alone. If he listens to you, you have gained⁴ your brother.

(Matthew 18:10-20)

- ¹⁶ “But if he does not listen, take along with you another one or two, in order that ‘on the mouth of two witnesses, or three, every word may be stood.⁵”
- ¹⁷ “And if he refuses to listen to them, tell⁶ the church. And if even to the church does he refuse to listen, let him be to you as the Gentile and the tax-collector.
- ¹⁸ “Amen, I say to you, as many things as you bind on the earth will have been bound in heaven, and as many things as you loose on the earth will have been loosed in heaven.
- ¹⁹ “Moreover, I say to you that if two of you upon earth agree concerning any matter⁷ which they may ask, it will be brought about for them from My Father who is in the heavens.
- ²⁰ “For where two or three are gathered together in respect to My own name,⁸ there I am, in their midst.”
- Pastor Phillips’ ad hoc translation)

Introduction:

I. Foundation: _____’ Twofold Concern (Matthew 18:6-9)

A. _____ Picture (vv. 6-7)

B. _____ Picture (vv. 8-9)

II. Framing: Jesus Twofold _____ to Us (Matthew 18:10-20)

A. Small: _____ Watch Out for _____

1. Commanded: v. 10-15

2. Reflected:

1 Thessalonians ____:14

¹ Some Gk mss incl as v. 11 *For the Son of Man came to save what was lost.* Cf. Lk. 19:10.

² Or *be lost.*

³ The words *against you* are absent from earliest manuscripts, but present in most later copies.

⁴ Or *won.*

⁵ Quoting from Deuteronomy 19:15.

⁶ Or *say to.*

⁷ Or *issue.*

⁸ Hyper-literally, *into the My (own) name.*

Hebrews ___:12-13

Hebrews ___:24-25

B. Big: _____ Watch Out for _____

1. Commanded: vv. 16-17

2. Reflected:

Ephesians ___

1 Corinthians ___

Galatians ___:7-10

Hebrews ___:14-16

C. Ultimate: (vv. 18-20)

1. _____ tions: false _____

2. _____ tion:

a. We act with the _____'s _____ing (vv. 18-19)

i. Meaning

ii. Reflection

b. We act with the _____'s _____ing (v. 20)

CONCLUSION: