

# Jesus and Manhood

## Matthew 19:13-30

Father's Day 6/16/13

**The cry of our hearts: "that I may know Him..."** (Philippians 3:10)

**Philippians 3:7** But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

<sup>8</sup> More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ,

<sup>9</sup> and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,

<sup>10</sup> that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

<sup>11</sup> in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained *it*, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

<sup>13</sup> Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,

<sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;

### Fathering manhood:

#### 1. Introduce children to Jesus early

**Matthew 19:13** Then *some* children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them.

<sup>14</sup> But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

#### 2. Pray

<sup>15</sup> And after laying His hands on them, He departed from there.

#### 3. Teach Jesus' deity

<sup>16</sup> And behold, one came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?"

<sup>17</sup> And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is *only* One who is good;

#### 4. Use the law

but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments."

<sup>18</sup> He said to Him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not commit murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness;

<sup>19</sup> Honor your father and mother; and You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

## 5. Expose root problems

<sup>20</sup> The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?"

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go *and* sell your possessions and give to *the* poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

<sup>22</sup> But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieved; for he was one who owned much property.

## **6. Pray your children become children**

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>24</sup> "And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>25</sup> And when the disciples heard *this*, they were very astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?"

<sup>26</sup> And looking upon *them* Jesus said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

### **The Reward**

<sup>27</sup> Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?"

<sup>28</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

<sup>29</sup> "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, shall receive many times as much, and shall inherit eternal life.

<sup>30</sup> "But many *who are* first will be last; and *the* last, first.