

“Inheriting Heaven’s Kingdom” (Matthew 19:13–30)

I. Little Children Welcomed in the Kingdom (verses 13–15)

- a. People sought Jesus’ blessing on young children.

Luke 18:15

- b. The disciples rebuked those bringing children.

- c. Jesus intervened on behalf of the children.

Mark 10:15–16

II. A Rich Man Turning Away from the Kingdom (verses 16–26)

- a. This man sought eternal life by means of good works. (verse 16)

- b. Jesus defined good works by the second table of God’s moral law. (verses 17–19)

- c. The man expressed a naïve self-righteousness in response to such laws. (verse 20)

- d. To expose this man’s sin, Jesus told him to embrace poverty for greater treasure. (verse 21)

Mark 10:21

- e. The man’s dejected retreat displayed the inabilities of a sinful heart. (verses 22–25)

- f. God and only God can overcome a man’s depravity and bring him into the kingdom. (verse 26)

III. Jesus’ Followers Rewarded in the Kingdom (verses 27–30)

- a. Some *have* forsaken everything to follow Christ. (verse 27)

- b. Such wholehearted followers of Christ will share his reign in the regeneration. (verse 28)

Luke 18:30; Acts 3:17–21; Romans 8:18–23; 1 Corinthians 6:2–3

- c. They will gain exponentially more than they lost, whether family or possessions or life itself. (verse 29)

Mark 10:29–30; Luke 18:29–30

- d. Still, we cannot predict God’s gracious rewards by our own formulas. (verse 30)

Matthew 20:8–16

Closing Applications

- 1) If you are a child, come and welcome to Jesus.

John 6:8–9; Matthew 21:15–16; Ephesians 6:1–4; Matthew 18:1–6

- 2) If you have a lot, don’t let it keep you from Jesus.

Do you have a lot of cherished relationships?

Do you have a lot of morals or religious credentials?

Galatians 3:10–14; Philippians 3:2–11

Do you have a lot of tangible possessions?

Revelation 3:14–22; Matthew 16:24–27

- 3) If you’ve come to Jesus, you have reward to spare.

1 Peter 1:3–9