

PORTRAIT OF THE *King*

ADVERSARIES

“Do Not Look Down On One Another”

MATTHEW 18:10-14



“³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35



- Sanctify one another.
- Humble one another.
- Put pressure on one another.
- Embarrass one another.
- Interrupt one another.
- Sacrifice one another.
- Run one another's lives.
- Confess the sins of one another.

**One Another Commands NOT
in the Bible**



KEY POINT:

**Think highly of other Christians, because our Lord
deeply loves other Christians.**



I. The Command (vs. 10a)

Outline of Matthew 18:10-14



- A reference to both the children He is using as an illustration of real believers and genuine believers
- Can mean “to look down upon, to think little of” or “to think down on”
- Used in Matthew 6:24, Luke 16:13 and I Corinthians 11:22

***“Do Not Despise These
Little Ones”***



“¹ My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, ‘You sit here in a...

James 2:1-4



“... good place,’ while you say to the poor man, ‘You stand over there,’ or, ‘Sit down at my feet,’⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?”

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- When we **refuse** to meet one another's needs
(James 2:15-16; I John 3:17-18)

**Examples of Despising One
Another**



“¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?”

James 2:15-16



“¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

I John 3:17-18



- When we **refuse** to meet one another's needs
(James 2:15-16; I John 3:17-18)
- When we **ridicule** one another's physical appearance
(II Corinthians 10:10-14)

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*“¹⁰ For they say, ‘His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account.’
¹¹ Let such a person understand that what we say by letter when absent, we do when present. ¹² Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.”*

II Corinthians 10:10-14



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“¹ Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Galatians 6:1-2



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- When we take advantage of someone for **personal** gain (I Corinthians 6:1-11; I Thessalonians 4:6)

Examples of Despising One Another



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- II. The Reasons for This Command (vs. 10b-14)
 - A. Because of How Angels Treat Us (vs. 10b)

Outline of Matthew 18:10-14



“Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?”

Hebrews 1:14



- If angels worship God (Psalm 148:2), so should we.
- If angels serve God (Hebrews 1:7), so should we.
- If angels assemble before God (Psalm 89:5-7), so should we.
- If angels rejoice when someone is saved (Luke 15:10), so should we.
- If angels love Christians, so should we.

How Much More?



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 - B. Because of How Jesus Loves the Wandering Sinner (vs. 12-13)

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- When a sheep is restored, we must celebrate.

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- Because the Bible says so (1 John 4:7-8, 10)

**Reasons We Know God Loves
His Sheep**



“7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love... 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

I John 4:7-8, 10



“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20



- Because the Bible says so (1 John 4:7-8, 10)
- Because God does not abandon us (Isaiah 59:15-16)

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*“¹⁵ Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.
¹⁶ Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.”*

Isaiah 49:15-16



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“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,”

Ephesians 1:7



“let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

Isaiah 55:7



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- Because God disciplines us (Hebrews 12:6-11)

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“⁶ ‘For the Lord disciplines the one he loves and chastises every son whom he receives.’ ⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had...

Hebrews 12:6-11



“6 ...earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”

Hebrews 12:6-11



“There is, certainly, great cause for humility in the thought that he sees all the twisted things about me that my fellow humans do not see (and am I glad!), and that he sees more corruption in me than that which I see in myself (which, in all conscience, is enough). There is, however, equally great incentive to worship and love God in the thought that, for some...

J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*



“... unfathomable reason, he wants me as his friend, and desires to be my friend, and has given his Son to die for me in order to realize this purpose.”

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 - C. Because of How the Father Rejoices in Restoration (vs. 14)

Outline of Matthew 18:10-14



- **Decreed will**. This is the will of God where He determines things to happen and our choices cannot influence them.
- **Desired will**. God's desired will is what He wants of us, but because He gives us choice, doesn't always happen.

God's Will



“¹³ Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”

Matthew 7:13-14

