

When YAHSHUA Saw It, He Was Indignant
(Mark 10: 13-16)

What was the reason for YAHSHUA'S indignation at that time? Why did He get so upset? What was so important to Him? It was against the disciples who were prohibiting the parents from bringing their children to be blessed by Him. Oh yes, it was in defense of the children's right to be blessed, as it was the Jewish custom. We read in Mark ten that "they kept bringing young children to Him (YAHSHUA) that He might touch them (but) the disciples were reproving them [for it]. Although YAHSHUA was surrounded by so many people, by so much noise, even those interruptions did not keep Him from noticing the disciples' reaction against the children's coming to Him to be blessed. And when He saw what was happening, He took a stand against such behavior and said, Allow the children to come to Me – do not forbid or prevent or hinder them- for such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive and accept and welcome the kingdom of God like a little child positively does not enter it at all; and taking them [one by one] in His arms He invoked a blessing, placing His hands upon them(Mark 10:14-16). When YAHSHUA stood to defend the children, He valued them with high standard which an adult must take, in order to enter the kingdom of God. The example of a child's innocence and humbleness are essential for an adult to receive salvation.

When YAHSHUA took the children in His arms to bless them, that was a demonstration of the love and the importance He had and gave them, setting an example for all to realize it. When a child, we believed everything and we valued everyone; we saw no evil in our parents and thought them to be perfect. A child's world is so different than that of an adult, because they maintained the innocence and humility, the faith, but we have lost these elements necessary to approach our Lord. We cannot come to YAHWEH in the attitude of an adult and expect to be heard. The Lord desires that we would have a contrite and humble heart before Him; He will never reject such heart – the heart of a child. As He reacted then, He does today when He sees newborn babies thrown away in trash dumps, pulled from the mother's womb to their deaths; He cries over the abuses they suffer from their families; when He sees them on streets suffering hunger. Mary Baxter in her book, *A Divine Revelation of Heaven*, writes about the unborn babies: she says, An angel of the Lord said to me, From the time of conception, a baby is an eternal soul. If a baby is aborted or miscarried or somehow dies, God knows about it. He has given His angels charge over them. We bring their little souls to heaven, and naturally; it is fashioned and formed into perfection by the mighty hand of God. Mary Baxter was given a revelation of heaven for ten days. She saw the unborn babies as children being ministered and taught by angels. They are very precious in God's eyes and hell has no place for them.

The disciples were denying the children the most important experience of their lives- to be blessed by God Himself. Those children who were blessed by the Lord, had a wonderful life, I am sure of it. YAHSHUA'S blessings just did not end there; it spread all through their lives. Next time you see a young child, think of him as a model for you to receive the kingdom of God in your heart. Save them from lies and corruption, direct them to know the truth, set a good example for them to follow; be a light that radiates YAHSHUA'S love for them. Take a stand against those who abuse them, be a soldier for the cause of the forsaking children, "for theirs is

the kingdom of heaven". Bless them and do not curse them; take them in your arms as often as you can and let them know how much YAHSHUA loves them. Hinder not the heavenly blessings from them and accept the fact that you must be like them to be accepted by the Lord. Bring them to the Lord and let Him bless them; do not be a hindrance in their way by the way you live your life. Eternity waits you with reward, if you do what is right for the children in the sight of God.

The children are the adults of tomorrow; what you shape them to be today, they will be tomorrow. The seeds you planted in their lives will bear fruit tomorrow and you will be the recipient of it, as the law of sowing and harvesting allows. YAHWEH'S word promises blessings to those who walk in His ways and lives according to His commandments; for you shall eat of the labor of your hands; happy shall you be, and it shall be well with you; your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the innermost parts of your house; your children shall be like olive plants round about your table (Psalm 128: 1-3,6). When you live to obey the Lord, you will be blessed by your children and will enjoy all blessings promised in the word of YAHWEH, for whatever "goes around, comes around". A world without children is monotonous and gray. The Bible says that children's children are the crown of old men, and the glory of children is their fathers (Prov. 17:6). That will never be for the family that has abandoned their little ones for the sake of pleasures, or for the families that let their children at the care of the electronic world. Although Solomon chose to go the way of women, and forsook the Lord, he returned to the Lord later in life and had this to say about his father: When I was a son with my father, tender and the only son in the sight of my mother, he taught me and said to me, Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments and live (Prov. 4:3-4). He also said, train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it (Prov. 22:6). We have a tremendous responsibility for our children before our God. YASHUA said, Beware that you do not despise or feel scornful toward or think little of one of these little ones, for I tell you that in heaven their angles always are in the presence of and look upon the face of My Father, Who is in heaven (Matt. 18:12). Today more than ever a child needs to be blessed by his father or mother; by his pastor or other member of his family. He/she needs to be instructed in the way they should go, so that they will have the way paved for their return, if they leave the way. Bless them and they will bless you in our later years.

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