

THE ONE THING GOD WON'T DO

Jesus describes KINGDOM LIVING in Matthew 18

KINGDOM LIVING DISPLAYS THREE, SUPERNATURAL QUALITIES

1ST SUPER-HUMAN QUALITY:

A SPIRIT OF _____ (v. 1-14)

2ND SUPER-HUMAN QUALITY:

A SPIRIT OF _____ (v. 15-20)

- A. Bible defines Sin (Cf. Eph. 4:25-5:4)
- B. Not talking about being irritated, offended, or ignored by a brother
- C. Four steps for dealing with brother who is practicing sin
 - 1. Talk to him/her _____ with an attitude of submission & love
 - 2. Ask for _____
 - 3. Tell the _____
 - 4. Treat as a _____ or a _____
- D. The Power of Binding and Loosing
- E. The Key: _____ (e.g. has great power and mystery)

It's divided seas & rolled up flowing rivers

Made flinty rocks gush into fountains

Quenched flames of fire, muzzled lions, disarmed vipers & poisons

It's marshaled stars against the wicked, stopped the course of the moon

It's arrested the sun in its race, burst open iron gates

Recalled souls from eternity, conquered strongest devils

Commanded legions of angels down from heaven

Bridled & chained raging passions of men, destroyed vast armies

Brought a man from bottom of the sea and carried another in a chariot of fire to heaven.

3RD SUPER-HUMAN QUALITY:

A SPIRIT OF _____ (v. 21-35)

Deals with healing of hurts between people...the way to resolve differences, heal breaches, dissolve resentments and settle bitter feuds

- A. Peter's problem was two-fold:
 - 1st Lack of _____
 - 2nd Limits to _____
- B. Not a Parable about Salvation – “dealing with forgiveness between brothers”
 - King = Heavenly Father
 - 1st Servant – Christians (you & me)
 - 2nd Servant – Fellow Christians (brothers & sisters in faith)
- C. The DEBT
 - 1) 10,000 talents, e.g. approx. \$10 million
 - 2) Servant actually thought he could get out of debt & pay back
 - 3) King took pity on the swindler, cancelled the debt at the impoverishment of his treasury, and gave this servant freedom
- D. The CREDITOR
 - 1) Fellow servant owed him 100 denarii
 - 2) Didn't share with friend the joy of his own release.
 - 3) Demanded immediate payment
 - 4) Threw man in jail
- E. Two Reasons we must forgive one another
 - 1st – If we don't we're _____
 - 2nd – Our unforgiving spirit will _____ upon us.

If you forgive not others their trespasses neither will my Father forgive yours (Mt. 6:15)
Judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy (Jas 2:13)
Let no root of bitterness springing up trouble you (Heb 12:15)

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OUR HEAVENLY FATHER WON'T ALLOW US TO BE FORGIVEN...AND THEN GO THROUGH LIFE DEMANDING

“ _____ ” & “ _____ ”