

## Like a Little Child

Mt 18:1-4 — Our Master was speaking this 2000 years ago. When He was here on earth He said many things. Our Master called a little child up to Him. It obviously was a well-trained, obedient child who had an abba and an imma who loved him. Their heart had been turned to that child and in consequence their child's heart to their heart.

First of all we have to be converted, absolutely all the way around. You cannot become like a well-behaved, submissive child overnight. It takes a while to train a child. Convert means you are going one way and then you turn to a completely different way. You change boats. One is sinking; one goes to safety. You cannot become like a little child unless you are converted first. It's a process — *becoming*. We are becoming like little children. I know people who are not becoming like little children. We have to repent from living a life depending only upon ourselves to living a life of depending on Him.

Mt 6:32 talks about people depending upon themselves, self-seeking, working for themselves to get their own money. That's how the nations are supposed to live. That is the only way they can live.

Verse 33 is not a self-seeking life. It's a seeking for the common good, a working for the brotherhood. That's how the kingdom is formed in this age. *Become* is the process of changing, becoming more and more suitable every day.

Mt 18:4 — Humbles himself as this child. We have to become like our Master, belonging to Him. *Belonging* means suitable, compatible, comparable.

A little child is not austere, going around grumbling, complaining. They do not hold grudges. They forget.

Verse 4 — A person must humble himself until he becomes like a little child. The more you humble yourself, the more you become like a little child. A little child is exhibiting trust, eager to learn, eager to listen, submissive.

Pr 22:6 — A child is able to be trained. Our Master says that child-like qualities constitutes greatness (in the kingdom, Mt 18:4). Whoever has received the Holy Spirit has the qualities, the substance within him to become like a little child. *Trusting* is being able to learn from others. It is not thinking you know it all, always telling others what to do, telling them their faults, never admitting your mistakes — that is the opposite of being childlike.

We have to be converted first. We have to be born into the family (Mt 18:3). *Converted* means changed from one side to another or into another substance that can be molded, be made into another kind of person, a substance that can be made into a child through discipline, instruction, training.

There is no way possible one can become like a little child with the same old substance. In the last 20 years I've seen so many people come and go, never becoming like a little child. They are austere — cold, sour, never smile, the know-it-alls, never submissive and humble. Children don't have any ambition as far as wanting to be first, best, rivalry, competition. We are not self-seeking; we are seeking for the good of others. The one who humbles himself the most to receive Yahshua, His Spirit and word, to be changed, become like a little child, will be the greatest in the kingdom. He wants only humble and submissive people in the kingdom.

We will stand knocking at the door and He will tell us, “How come you never became like a little child? You knew the word. How come you always went around telling everybody everything.”

Who was the most humble person on the earth? Our Master Yahshua. We have to become like Him.

Of course we are not talking about becoming like a child in the world — rebellious, obstinate, untrained, foolish, self-seeking. We are talking about becoming like a well-trained, obedient, submissive, trusting, humble child.