

MATTHEW – LESSON TWELVE

- I. JESUS' CLOSING SCENES IN GALILEE – (17:24-18:35)**
- A. In Capernaum, Jesus helps Peter respond to the collector's question concerning the payment of the temple: "the half-shekel" (17:24-27, cf. Exodus 30:12-16, 2 Chron.24:5,6).
 - B. Jesus answers the disciples' question concerning "who is the greatest" (18:1-14).
 - C. Jesus teaches disciples about how to gain a brother who sins against you (18:15-20).
 - D. Jesus teaches disciples about the duty of forgiveness (18:21-35).

QUESTIONS:

1. Explain what "the half-shekel" was in the lives of the Jews and the temple of God.
2. What *two* important lessons is Jesus teaching Peter in connection with the question of the half shekel?
3. How does Peter catching a fish prove Jesus to be "the son of the king"?
4. What character of a little child does Jesus point out as making one great in the kingdom of heaven?
5. Having this character of a little child is not essential to one being saved. (T) (F)
6. Who are the "little ones" that we must not overlook?
7. In what *two ways* does Jesus say we should be involved with these little ones, which show we are not overlooking them?

8. What are “occasions of stumbling”?
9. How does Jesus say we can avoid stumbling?
10. How does Jesus sober our thinking regarding taking steps to avoid stumbling?
11. What is one characteristic of “the hell of fire”?
12. What is Jesus teaching us by saying that the “little ones” have “their angels” in heaven?
13. What are the occasions that Jesus **demands** that we go to our brother or sister **first in private** about their sin:
 - a. You read false teaching in a religious paper ?
 - b. You hear false teaching from the pulpit?
 - c. A brother or sister has quit attending services?
 - d. A brother or sister has committed a wrong against you personally?
 - e. A brother or sister is publicly practicing sin?
14. What is important about having “two witnesses”?
15. What does it mean to be “as the Gentile and the publican”?
16. What we first bind or loose on earth will be bound or loosed in heaven (T) (F).
17. What is “two agreeing” on anything or being “gathered together” in the name of the Lord referring to?
18. How often should I be willing to forgive someone who sins against me?
19. What lessons about forgiveness do you learn from Jesus’ parable in 18:23-35?