

## How God Views Children

Mark 10:13-16

- I. The disciples rebuked people who brought their children to Jesus (Mark 10:13).
  - A. Family members were bringing children to Jesus to bless them (10:13a)
  - B. The disciples thought the children were a distraction from Jesus' ministry and unworthy of His attention (10:13b).
- II. Jesus rebuked the disciples and explained why children are so important to God (Mark 10:14-15).
  - A. Jesus was indignant toward the disciples for their perspective on the children (10:14a).
    - B. Jesus said that He wanted a personal relationship with children and that God delights to give them heaven (10:14b).
      - ✓ Do we realize that children are capable of a personal relationship with Christ very early?
    - C. Jesus said that children illustrate how heaven is received (10:15).
      - ✓ Salvation is so simple that all people need to think like a child to understand the nature of a free gift (Romans 6:23).
- III. Jesus held the children and prayed for them (Mark 10:16).
  - ✓ *Do we pray faithfully for our children? Do we pray for our children with spiritual priorities for their life?*