

Decatur Ministers Will Meet Monday

There will be a special meeting of the Decatur ministerial association Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the parlor of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church. Every member is requested to be present.

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Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, Jesus' Perea Ministry, Mark 10:13-16; 19:35-40, for Sunday, April 10.

Jesus steadfastly proceeded to his death taking time for teaching and healing in Perea, emphasizing the nature of his kingdom and the price to be paid for it.

V.13. "And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and the disciples rebuked them that brought them."

Parents are to be commended for their seeking Jesus to bless their children. Jesus being the epitome of love was so lovable that children were drawn to him. The disciples' misconception of the worth of children and their thoughtless misunderstanding of Jesus' love for them led them to keep the children from annoying the Master.

V.14. "But when Jesus saw it he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." This is the Christian charter for childhood. To it the children of all races in all ages can appeal. Christ has promised them the best he has, and they have a right to demand it in his name.

V.15. "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." Everyone who gets into the kingdom must have certain qualities which the children possess - humility, truthfulness, and freedom from a spirit of duplicity. We as adults need the humble admission that we are nothing, that God is everything, and that we are powerless to do anything but cast ourselves upon his mercy. Larger provisions need to be made for the children to keep them in the kingdom as saved members. Doing this would save the world in one generation.

V.16. "And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them and blessed them." Jesus outdid the desires of these parents who simply asked that he touch them; he took them in his arms and put

his hands on them. He still longs to do that with every child. His love goes beyond the love of parents.

V.35. "And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire." These sons were selfish in wanting honor and position and they proceeded with strategy attempting to get Jesus' assurance of their request before it was asked. They failed to accept Christ's teaching that to be servant of all was to be great.

V.36. "And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?" Jesus would bring their desires out in the open. It was not what they were about to say that counted so much as the ranking desire of their soul. As a man thinketh so is he.

V.37. "They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on the left hand, in thy glory." The request was such a one as typical political job hunters might make. They were seeking to advance their personal interests through influence with Jesus rather than through their merit. The reason Jesus can not reign more largely is found in so many today who fail to exalt Christ and make first Christian service.

V.38. "But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask; can ye drink of the cup that I drink of; and the baptism that I am baptized with?" They did not understand the spiritual nature of the kingdom nor the sacrifices, the unconditional surrender to him, and the persecution that would likely follow. It takes time, patience, prayer, consecrated living to learn the spiritual content of the kingdom of God.

V.39. "And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and the baptism that I am baptized with shall ye be baptized." Here is a prophecy regarding the future not understood by them.

V.40. "But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it was prepared." Preeminence in Christ's kingdom is not a matter of mere personal favor. It depends upon fitness; even the Father will not grant favors arbitrarily.

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