

THE PARABLE ABOUT THE GRACE OF JESUS

Matthew 18:10-35

Key Verse: 18:12

"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?"

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verses 10-14. Why should we not despise anyone? What does the parable of the shepherd and sheep teach us about God? What are some examples of this shepherd heart? What does this mean practically to us?
2. Read verses 15-20. What must a disciple do about one who sins against him? Why must we try again and again to win over a brother?
3. Read verses 21-22. How did Peter respond to Jesus' teaching about solving problems between brothers? Why this response? What was Jesus' surprising answer?
4. What was the parable Jesus told to explain his answer? (23-35) To whom is the king compared? What is your debt to God? How could it be canceled?
5. Who does the servant represent? What unthinkable thing did he do? How could he be so thoughtless. When the master heard what he had done, how did he react? What is the point of this parable? (35)