

Matthew 17-18

Ch 17

Theme – Mount of Transfiguration, “This is My Beloved Son, HEAR HIM!”; Elijah is coming, but for those who can receive, Elijah (John the Baptist) has already come); father of the demon-possessed boy (disciples cannot cast the demon out); the littleness of the disciples’ faith, but if they have the faith of a mustard seed, they will be able to move mountains; 3rd time Jesus tells the disciples about His death & resurrection; the Temple Tax (but so that we do not offend...)

Ch 18

Theme – The greatest in the kingdom is the one who humbly comes to Jesus like a child; woe to those who put stumbling blocks before physical & spiritual children; our God leaves the 99 to find the 1; Biblical discipline/ reconciliation (you cannot have one without the other); forgive up to 70 x 7 (super-completion x completion – Dan 9:24); Parable of the Unforgiving Servant; if we do not forgive, our Heavenly Father will not forgive us (regarding fellowship, not salvation)
