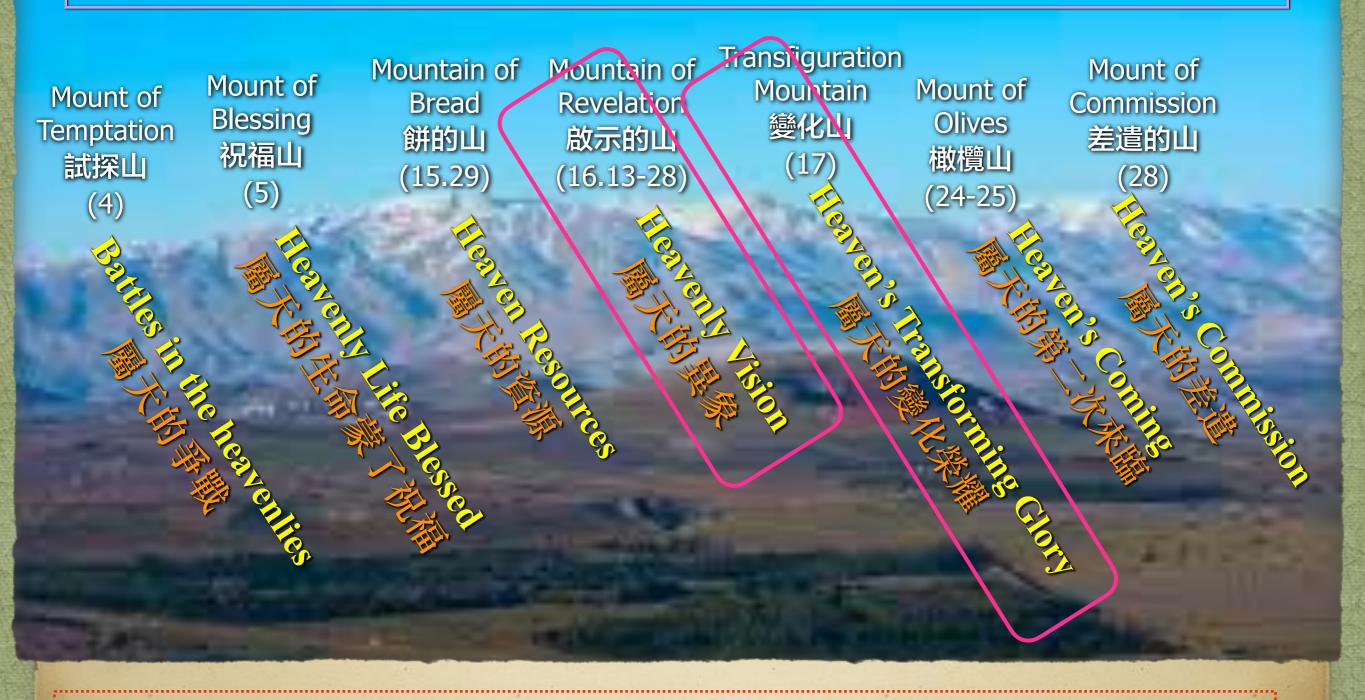
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Chapter 18-20: Kingdom Character

第18-20章:國度的品格

Motif: "The Kingdom mountains" 主題: 「國度的山」



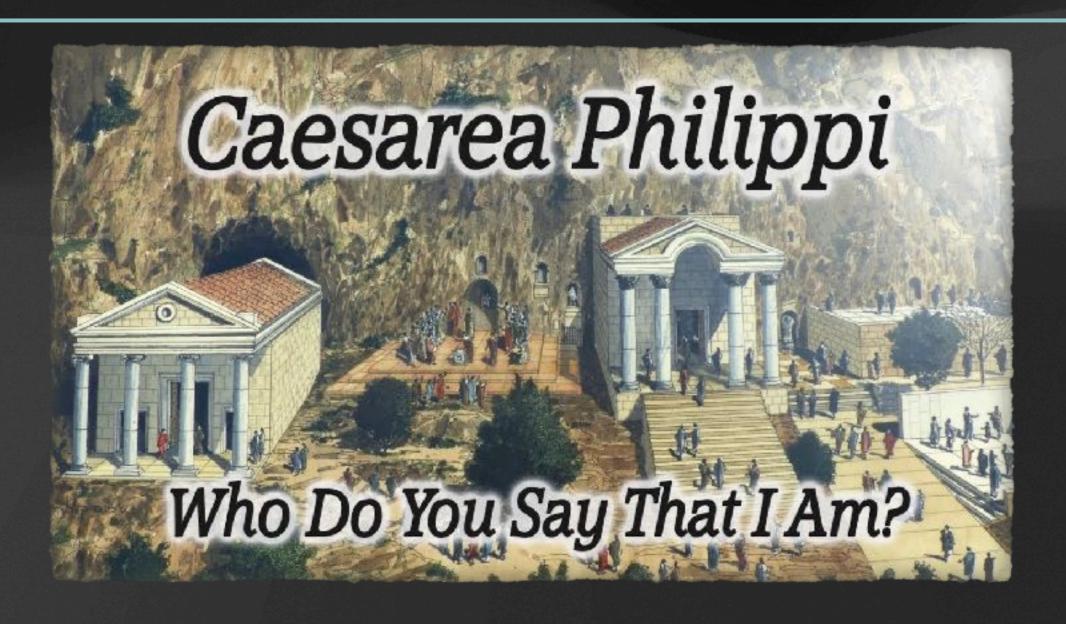
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Matthew 16: Foundation of Revelation

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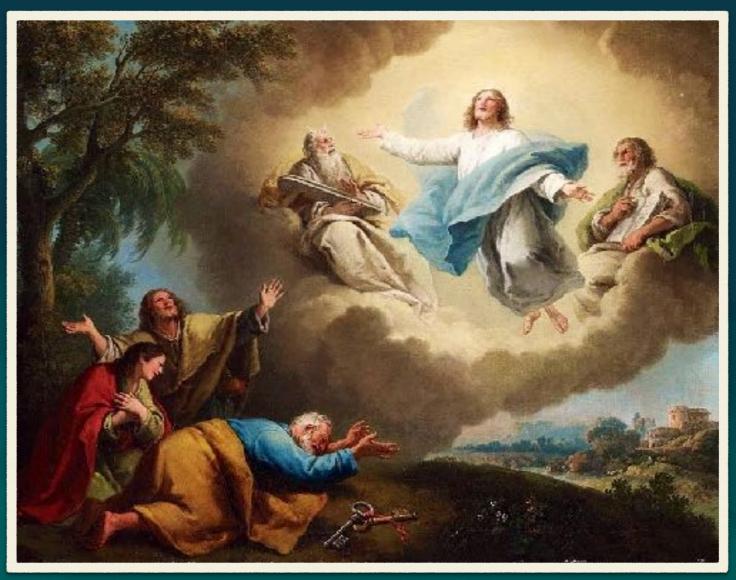
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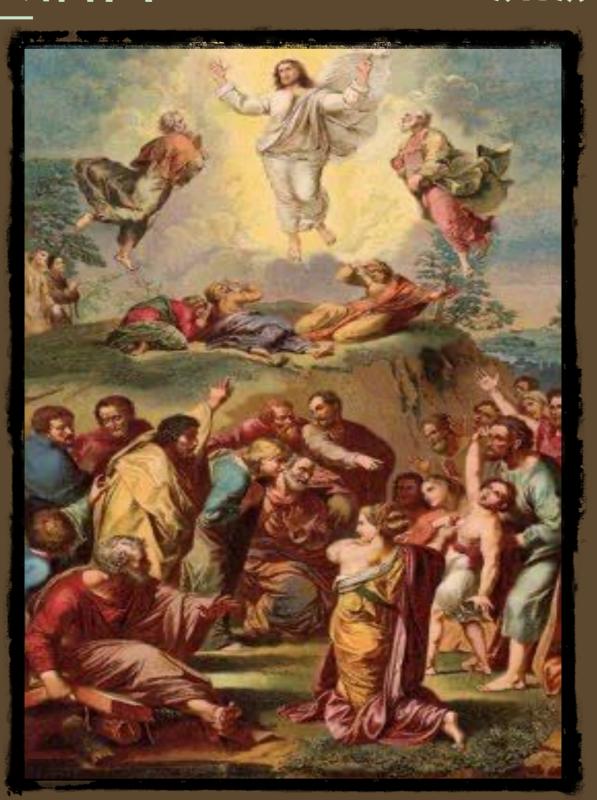
The Transfiguration brought three disciples into a heavenly vision of Christ in Glory

耶穌變像使三位門徒看見了基督在天上的榮耀



Transfiguration of Jesus 1747 Francesco Zuccarella 耶穌登山變像 弗朗西斯科·祖卡雷拉1747年繪

Matt. 17.14-21 Valley of Tears 馬太福音 17:14-21 流淚谷



Raphael's "Transfiguration"

拉斐爾的《登山變像》

The Kingdom Path of Faith 國度的信心之路

Matt. 17.21 ["But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."] 太17:21 至於這一類的鬼、若不禱告禁食、他就不出來。〔或作不能趕他出來〕

1. The disciples lacked "faith for this path" because they had not yet learned the "path for this faith"

門徒缺乏「為著這道路的信心」,因為他們還沒有學會「為著這信心的道路」

2. A life of prayer and communion prepares one for the unexpected kingdom challenges that come up

禱告與交通的生活能讓人準備好面對意想不到的國度挑戰

3. A life of fasting loosens the world's grip enabling one to see beyond outward causation and then use the keys of the kingdom

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Chapter 18: Nature of the Kingdom

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- 1. Matthew 18 Nature of Kingdom Greatness 馬太福音18章 —— 國度偉大的本質
- 2. Matthew 19-20 Nine events further revealing the upside down nature of the Kingdom 馬太福音19-20章 —— 九個事件進一步揭示了 國度的顛倒本質



Matthew 18: Fourth Pericope 馬太福音18章:第四個短篇

#1 Matt. 5-7: Sermon on Mt;

(一) 馬太5-7章:山上的教訓

#2 Matt.10 Discipleship;

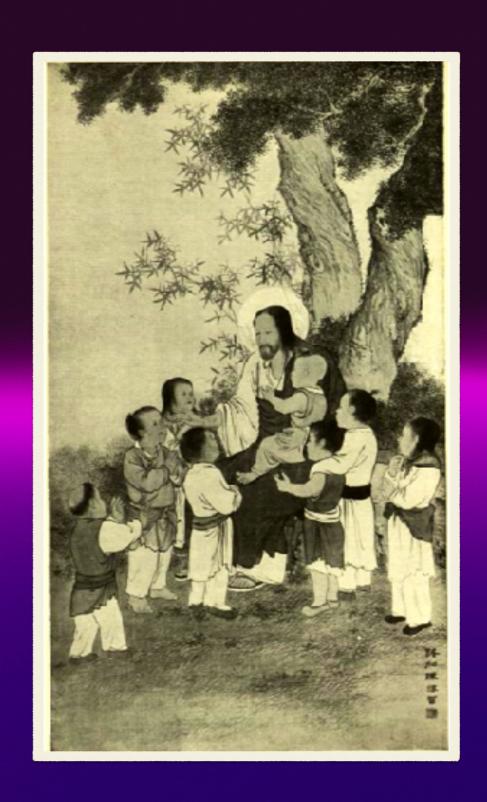
(二) 馬太10章:門徒訓練

#3 Matt.13: Kingdom Parables

(三) 馬太13章:國度的比喻

#4 Matt 18: Jesus again turns the disciple's Kingdom perspective 'upside down' from greatness to 'little ones'

(四)馬太18章:耶穌再次將門徒對國度的看法 「顛倒過來」,從偉大變成「微小的人」



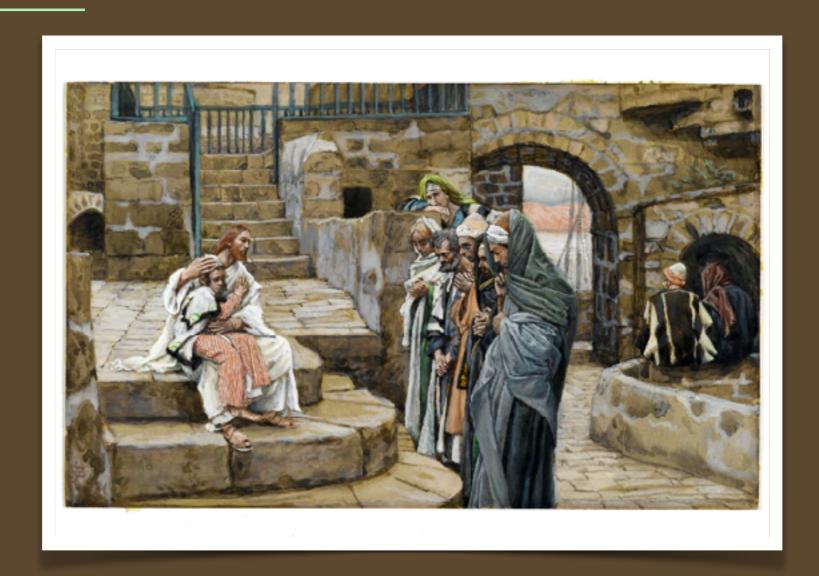
Matthew 18 Nature of the Kingdom 馬太福音18章— 國度的本質

- 1. Matt. 18:1-6 Question of Greatness in the Kingdom: come as little children
 - 太18:1-6 關於國度中誰為大的問題:像小孩子一樣來
- 2. Matt. 18:7-14 Kingdom "Woes" upon those who cause 'little ones' to stumble
 - 太18:7-14 國度的「禍」臨到那些讓「小子」跌倒的人身上
- 3. Matt. 18:15-20 Church Discipline (binding) and Restoring (loosing) must be in agreement with the King's Authority in Heaven
 - 太18: 15-20 教會紀律(捆綁)和恢復(釋放)必須和天上君王的權柄是一致的
- 3. Matt. 18:21-35 Kingdom Mercy only Triumphs over Judgment by Forgiveness
 - 太18: 21-35 國度的憐憫唯有寬恕才能戰勝審判

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Seeing the Kingdom of the Heavens 看見天國

- 1. Jesus changed the disciple's Kingdom Question from one of Position or Authority to one of Humility and Service 耶穌將門徒對國度的問題從地位或權柄的,改為謙卑和服事
- 2. Kingdom vision sees the King's Heart 國度的異象看見了王的心
- 3. Greatness in the Kingdom was defined by Jesus' own humility, love and service and not at present His authority and glory 國度的偉大是由耶穌自己的謙卑、愛和服事來定義的,而不是當下 祂的權威和榮耀

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馬太福音 18:6



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Kingdom Weal or Woe 國度的福或禍

2. Jesus gives two warnings for those who stumble the faith of any 'little ones'

耶穌對那些使任何「小子們」的信心被絆倒的人提出了兩個警告

a. Inside the kingdom: kingdom servants whose lives stumble young believers will suffer great loss and kingdom judgment 在國度裡: 國度的僕人的生命絆倒了年輕的信徒將遭受巨大的損失和

b. Outside the kingdom: there is a curse and "Woe" upon this world for eventually causing 'little ones' to stumble

在國度外:有詛咒和「禍」在這世上至終造成「小子們」跌倒

國度的審判

Kingdom Discipline 國度的管教

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Crucify the Flesh 釘死肉體

- 1. Jesus again (Matt5.29-30) uses extreme examples of harming body members to underscore the seriousness of dealing with flesh lest it becomes a cause of stumbling 耶穌再次 (太 5.29-30) 用極端傷害身體的例子來強調對付肉體的嚴肅性,否則它會成為絆腳石
- 2. Actions toward others in the church and the world are weighted more heavily than one's personal dealings and excuses

對教會和世界其他人的行為比個人的處理和藉口更重要

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3. Hellfire is the picture of judgment whether for 'eternity' or of limited duration and 'purgative' in the kingdom

地獄之火是審判的寫照,無論是 「永恆的」審判,或是有限的時段和 「煉淨的」審判

4. Despising (ignoring, overlooking, belittling) 'little ones' will be immediately judged in the kingdom of heaven because angelic watchers report stumbled little ones directly and immediately to the Father

鄙視(忽視、忽略、輕視)「小子們」的人將立即在天國受到審判,因為觀察的天使會立即直接向天父報告被絆倒的小子們

Kingdom Shepherds 國度的牧者

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Shepherding Little Ones 牧養小子們

1. Jesus reveals His shepherd heart's desire to save and restore His 'little ones' especially in regard to those who go astray

耶穌顯露了祂牧人的心願,要拯救 和挽回祂的「小子們」,特別是那些 誤入歧途的人

2. Kingdom servants are to be loving shepherds with a heart to seek out and restore the strays whose past backgrounds, present abuse or imminent danger have caused them to get lost from kingdom life:

國度的僕人應該是充滿愛心的牧者,用心去尋找並恢復那些因為過去的背景、當前的虐待或迫在眉睫的危險而使他們從國度生活迷失的人:

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- a. Love demands a high priority to search and rescue such little ones 搜救這些小子們需要以愛為優先
- b. Shepherds in the kingdom are tempted to forget the back slider because of their long histories of counsel and disregard 國度裡的牧者很容易忘記後退者,因為他們長期以來一直被勸告並 漠視
- 3. The Father not willing for any to be lost in His flock rejoices in Heaven when one of his lambs comes back home 天父不願意在祂的羊群中有任何迷失的,當祂的一隻羊回到天家時,天父在天上歡喜雀躍

3. Matt. 18:15-20

Kingdom Discipline on earth in agreement with the King's Authority in Heaven

(三)馬太福音18:15-20

地上的國度管教與天上君王的權柄是一致的



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Church Discipline 教會紀律

1. Jesus is teaching servants to be shepherds who discipline with a heart trying to recover that which was lost

耶穌教導僕人要成為牧者,要用心 管教,試著恢復已失去的

- 2. Jesus teaches three stages of loving recovery when a brother sins 當弟兄犯錯時,耶穌教導三個階段在愛中的挽回
 - a. Brother privately shows another brother his fault with a heart to cover and win him back to the fold 弟兄私下向另一個弟兄指出他的錯誤,並帶著遮蓋的心,使他歸回羊圈

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- b. If he does not listen, a small group of brethren strengthen the conviction by confirming the need for repentance and recovery to the church 如果他不聽,一小群弟兄藉著向教會確認悔改和恢復的必要性,從而加強責備
- c. As a last step, the church must be told of the brother's refusal to repent and fellowship withheld but with hope that he repents and is restored

最後,必須告知教會該弟兄拒絕 悔改及停止交通,但盼望他悔改 並被恢復

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Earth and Heaven Agree 地與天一致

1. Jesus' introductory "Amen" alerts the reader to another important principle

耶穌的介紹「阿們」提醒讀者另 一個重要原則

2. Kingdom authority is manifest as
Heaven stands together with the
church as it binds (= forbids or puts
under) or looses (= allows or
releases) persons under the discipline
mentioned above

國度權柄的彰顯是天與教會站在一起 捆綁(=禁止或置之以下)或釋放 (=允許或釋放)受上述紀律約束 的人

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3. This principle of heavenly authority works when two conditions are present:

當滿足兩個條件時,屬天權柄的 原則就會發揮作用:

a. A few saints have been gathered together in the Lord's Name and the Lord's Presence is sensed in their midst

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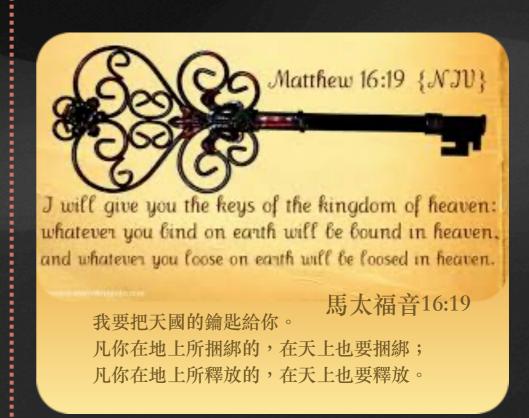
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 - (二) 王進行審計,發現一名僕人 欠他1000他連得:
 - a. Footnote values at \$10 million 註腳:價值一千萬美元
 - b. The slave was to be sold along with his family and all his possessions 奴隸將連同他的家人和所有財產
 一起被賣掉
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- 4. Jesus is revealing the tremendous extent of God's Grace 耶穌揭示了神恩典的極大限度
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 - b. Even Christians today who do not know such grace think they can somehow 'pay God back' by good works

甚至今天那些不懂這種恩典的基督 徒也以為他們可以透過善行來「回 報神」

Matt. 18.28 "But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, 'Pay back what you owe.'

太18:28 那僕人出來,遇見他的一個同伴, 欠他十兩銀子;便揪著他,掐住他的喉 嚨,說:「你把所欠的還我。」

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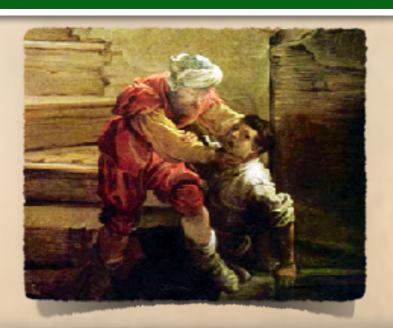
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- 1. The slave was so mad at his debtors whom he blamed for his humiliation that he choked his fellow slave demanding payback of \$200 這名僕人對他的債務人感到非常憤怒,他認為是他們讓他受到了羞辱,於是他掐住了他同伴的脖子,要求償還 200 元
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Matt. 18.31 "So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened.

太18:31 眾同伴看見他所作的事,就甚憂愁,去 把這事都告訴了主人。

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 - a. Mercy's triumph over judgment in the church depends upon forgiving one another from the heart 在教會中憐恤戰勝審判取決於從心裡 彼此饒恕
 - b. The Spirit of Grace is grieved by such unforgiveness and deals harshly with those who forget they are forgiven debtors

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- 2. Lesson: Heart forgiveness is a requirement to live in the kingdom 教訓: 內心寬恕是活在國度中的 必要條件
- 3. In the kingdom both the Lord's severity and his mercy are real depending upon our heart condition

在天國裡,主的嚴厲和憐憫都是真實的,取決於我們的內心狀態

Forgiveness out of a Heart that has received Mercy

饒恕源自於一顆接受過憐憫的心

We may observe that, according to Scripture, the Christian stands in a middle point, between a mercy received and a mercy yet needed.
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- Sometimes 'mercy received' is used as an argument for showing mercy—" forgiving one another, as Christ forgave you" (Col. 3.13; Ephesian 4.32); 有時『得到憐憫』被用作表現出憐憫的理由—「彼此饒恕,正如基督饒恕了你們—樣」(歌羅西書 3:13; 以弗所書 4:32)
- Sometimes 'still needing mercy' is the argument:
 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain
 mercy" (Matt. 5.7; Luke 6.37; James 5.9).
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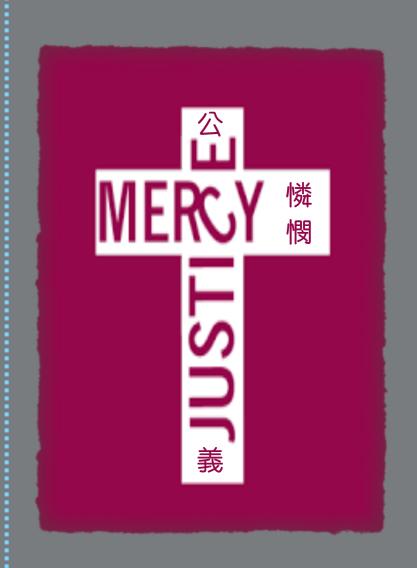
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- 1. Just in Matt.18 alone there are 6 references to judgment for those within the kingdom (Matt.18.6; 8; 9; 17; 27; 35) 僅在馬太福音18 章中就有 6 處提到對國度之內的人的審判(太18: 6、8、9、17、27、35)
- 2. James 2.13 tells us that mercy triumphs over judgment but only as a limited time offer 雅各書 2:13 告訴我們,憐憫勝過審判,但只是在有限的時間內



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- 3. Forgiveness and showing mercy are a high priority as we presently live in the little while 寬恕和施憐憫是我們的首要任務,因為我們目前生活在短暫的時間內
- 4. When the kingdom come judgment will be meted out at the judgment seat of Christ to reward and punish believers 當國度來臨時,審判將在基督的審判台前進行,以獎勵和懲罰信徒

