

Christ when He said, "I must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day? Then Peter rebuked Him, Be is far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee." But Our Lord Jesus Christ replied, "get thee behind me, satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." If from this moment, you do not listen to the flesh or man, or pay attention to what you see or hear, but only listen to the Spirit, then, brethren, you have overcome the world.

Brethren, I do not intend to be tedious* to you. It is said one stroke of the cane is sufficient for the wise. Any man who has ears to hear, let him hear. May God bless His words. Amen.

C H A P T E R T H R E E

BE BORN AGAIN

1st Lesson : John 3 : 3

2nd Lesson : Matthew 11 : 11

Golden Text : Matthew 18 : 4

Brethren, that is the theme of our revelation this morning. You will discover why so many people have not seen this Kingdom of God, and why they cannot come into it. You will also realise that whatever is not regarded by man is highly esteemed before God. You will realise that the ways of man are at variance with the ways of God.

Can you therefore realise why Our Lord Jesus Christ has overcome the whole world? And so brethren, you will notice that, unless we become like little children, we will not have a share in His Kingdom of God.

EXCEPT YOU ARE REBORN YOU
CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM

Have you heard what He said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." Why the whole world cannot see this Kingdom is that they are given to old ideas and are not prepared to be born again. Because I remember when the disciples asked Our Lord Jesus Christ, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "it is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in

all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." It is pomposity and arrogance, pride, vain contemplation, and sins, which have caused us not to see the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God is Our Lord Jesus Christ. But now you want somebody ^{wearing} a flowing royal gown and coming into your house to declare, "I am he" before you accept. But I tell you that He is not the one. If you see a man poorly dressed, or a small child coming to your house, you, with your magnificent house, you will feel very degraded to worship such a small child. Someone who has already adorned himself, built a magnificent house and with a crown on his head; who presents himself as an important figure when really is nothing, will not regard a poorly dressed king who visits him.

PRIDE GOES BEFORE A FALL

What befell the people of old should serve as a moral to us at this end of time. It was pride, pomposity and arrogance, and worldly wisdom, that caused them to fall short of the Kingdom of God and also to know Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Because they were rich men, Lawyers, judges, millionaires, kings and emperors, they therefore saw Our Lord Jesus Christ as a child of humble parentage, the father being a carpenter and the mother a little, virgin. That is why they did not welcome Him. Because He Himself wore no big brimmed hat, He was not found on horses, He did not travel by aeroplanes, that is why the world failed.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IS THE LORD OF HEAVEN

The teachings imparted by Our Lord Jesus Christ reveals to us what He Himself was so that we may draw a moral from Him. He could not have taught us to be humble while He was proud and arrogant. You have heard what He said in our second lesson. "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

You are witnesses, all of us are witnesses. To the fact that of all men born of women, throughout the whole world, none is greater than Our Lord Jesus Christ. His testimony declares that of all men born of women, there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist except He, Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is only Our Lord Jesus Christ who is the greatest throughout the whole world. Because He was the king of the angels and the Lord of heaven. He has the right to emerge as an angel and descend to the earth. He has such right. He has the right to live in a sky scrapper, with His large hat. He has the right to advise the angels to move in two lines for him to pass through them on a decorated path, and shouting, "Behold, I the Lord, am passing."

But that His teaching may be fulfilled, that, except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God, but He as the King of heaven, only came through the womb of a little girl, Mary. He was there for nine months without any noise. He was the Son of God and God Himself.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WAS IN EXISTENCE BEFORE THE WORLD WAS

Can you understand the meaning of His statement that, "Except a man be born again." This means that He had

already been born. He said, "Before Abraham was, I am," He was in existence right from the foundation of the world. But He has chosen to come down in human form to gather us together. If He had come as fire, who would have moved to Him. If He come as a thunder, who would have withstood Him? If He had come as a lightning, who would have been alive in the world? If He had come in His glory and great power, imagining how great His power is, could you have drawn nearer Him?

But since He is the Saviour and Redeemer, He has been born again and become like a little baby and passed through the womb of a woman. He who created Mary and Joseph but has chosen to be their child. What can you learn from this? His birth has become questionable. How can the Son of God be born of a woman? Because of this, the Jews argued "We cannot believe." That is why the Scribes and Pharisses said, "Howbeit we know this man. When He is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence He is." Because if you do not know from whence a person is from and where He is going to, you cannot draw nearer to Him. The first thing you will do is to ask, "where are you from." If He does not explain that fully, you will be scared.

GOD CLOAKED IN HUMAN FORM

Have you, therefore, seen how God has become man, humbled Himself to the state of a servant; much more humble than ourselves. If you were told that God can enter into the womb of a woman, you would doubt and ask, "how can God, who is so great, be born of a woman?"

We have heard that God is omnipresent. He is in the whole of the continent of Africa; He is in water and on land. People sometimes ask how God can pass through the womb of a

woman. They would not believe such a story and would regard your claim as nonsensical. They will continue to ponder why God should be born as a little child. They will imagine how the Son of Man, Son of God and God Himself should be born through a woman, and so will, therefore, regard such statement as blasphemous.

IF YOU DO NOT SAY I AM NO
BODY WILL SAY THOU ART

Why all of us today are interested in magnificent houses, big cars and big coats is because we want to be recognised, because if you humble yourself or appear simple, no person has regard for you. If you make any speech no one will listen to you. The reason for your behaviour is that you have not realised that God is living with you and He is very simple. You do not recognise Him but He is walking about accomplishing His work. He is only teaching us His ways of life. All the teachings imparted to us by Our Lord Jesus Christ are based on His ways of life, the life of God, His behaviour and conduct.

Brethren, when you put on costly shoes, a pair of trousers, put on your tie and hats, and your suits, you will not look at the ground. You will not see the ants on the ground nor any other thing which is crawling. You will not take cognisance of any person sitting down. You will only look about a certain elevation. You will not greet anybody because you feel you are the only one in existence. People will look on to you as being the only cock to crow. When will you look unto God? Our Lord Jesus Christ will be seen as an insignificant being.

It is exactly the same situation when, you properly clad and go into your ^{luxurious} car and drive. You will not know whether you have killed an ant on the ground, or whether children are fighting among themselves. Your attention will only be concentrated in your car.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD

That is why it is said, "Unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God. When He is talking about the Kingdom of God, He is referring to Himself. Our Lord Jesus Christ is simply the Kingdom of God. When the Pharisees asked Him when the Kingdom of God should come, He replied, the Kingdom of God does not come by observation "Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there!" The Kingdom of God is within us. He was, therefore, making direct reference to Himself. He was presenting Himself to the people as the Kingdom of God. He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords who has come down. But the world neither sees nor knows Him. Why? because of pride. We want only those things which appear huge and with horns. He was referring to Himself when He gave the parable that "the Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field."

JESUS THE CHRIST IS THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

Have you not seen an example shown by Peter? When he was met by Our Lord Jesus Christ? He said to Peter, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught."

Peter replied, "master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." When they had done this, "they inclosed a great multitude of fishes." Peter said, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

It was with spiritual eyes and not carnal eyes that Peter recognised Our Lord Jesus Christ. He recognised Him as the Lord of lords, as God and therefore forsook the boat, the fishes, the nets and everything and followed Him. Peter was accused of worshipping a man but he never said anything because he knew whom He was following. He knew he was following God. Peter was criticised for following a little child whom he could be the father of. Peter only regarded the people as insane because he knew the Master as the Lord of lords and the King of kings. That is why Peter loved Him more than anything else. He knew Him as God, the creator of Heaven and earth. The world has failed because she has thought that when Our Lord Jesus Christ would come, He would drive in a luxurious car and would be followed by an innumerable host of angels. They thought that He would not be a simple man, speaking with the same tongue and also behaving like an ordinary human being. That is why she regarded Him as a stupid fellow.

You have heard that God created man in His own image and likeness and it is therefore conclusive that God will at all times come in the likeness of man so that He may call us unto Himself; so that we may not be afraid of Him, so that we may not go astray; and so that we may live in peace and harmony.

Brethren, I do not want to take you further, let the first lesson be read.

1st Lesson: John 3:3

"Jesus answered and said unto him,
Verily, verily, I say unto thee,
Except, a man be born again, he
cannot see the kingdom of God."

Brethren, can you realise what has been the source of your hindrance? You are preoccupying yourself with the thought of owning a car, building a sky scrapper, being a king. You are thinking that when Our Lord Jesus Christ comes to your house, you will not pay attention. He has come to you and has asked, "What type of book are you reading? Your reply has been that you are waiting for Our Lord Jesus Christ. He has sat in a car with you and has asked, "You are wearing white material - which church do you attend?" Your reply has been, Does it mean you know nothing about Brotherhood? Our Lord Jesus Christ **has** again asked, "From where comes Brotherhood?" All those questions are from Our Lord Jesus Christ but since you think that He will come down as an eagle, you become confused.

GOD APPEARS INCOGNITO

Sometimes He will ask you, where is Brotherhood and what is your way of worship? You become irritated but I tell you, it is He who is asking all the questions. Many of you have been giving testimony of seeing a poorly dressed man on the road and because he is poorly dressed you passed him by without carrying him in your car.

Brethren, we are to be pitied. Unless we are born again, forsake deep thoughts, and become as little children, and also care for the sick and the needy, we are bound to fail.

We have been given the advice, "let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." It is said, "Remember them that are in bonds; as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body."

If these exhortations dwell richly in us, then we will care for the sick in the hospitals, visit the prisoners, cater for the needy on the streets and minister to the little ones. If He did not come as a little child, as a sinner, as the sick and the afflicted, how could He have cared for the needy the afflicted and the little ones?

We have a spiritual song which says, "The afflicted should not weep because the Saviour is not on the way but is already here." The Saviour is here. He is in your house. Once He is with you, He will know about your lamentations. When He is on the street, He will see little children and play with them, He will know of their thoughts and mind and help them. He sees the afflicted, the poor and the needy. He is at the market place but you will not know Him.

FEAR DISINTEGRATES LOVE UNITES

There is a great difference between these two things, for you to be fearful of a person and for you to love the person. When you express, "I fear this person, or I love, this person." Any person you love, you will be free with him, and discuss freely with him. But any person you are afraid of, you will not walk with him, discuss anything with him. And you will hide any evil plan from him. And for a man to display ostentatiously his position of greatness, with fearful looks and insulting utterances, he will constitute himself into an object of fear. If you present yourself in this manner,

when will you know of people's problems and afflictions and then help them? But if you love everyone, and attract people to yourself, eat with them, laugh and play with them, you will know of their problems and difficulties and will even comfort them by telling them that there is no problem.

BEFORE HONOUR IS HUMILITY

Tell me the truth, if a child is at the water tap waiting for a person to help him carry his bucket of water he has drawn, do you think he will ever ask a man who is driving past in his luxurious car or who is flamboyantly dressed to help him carry the bucket? The child will only call to a man who is poorly dressed. This man is prepared to help the child but all others are useless to him as far as his bucket is concerned.

Brethren, you will realise that a proud person is always humble and the other proud; the humble one will always be deployed, while the proud one is despised at. If anything befalls a proud person, no one will care while the humble will always be pitied. Many of us constitute fearful objects to the children. As long as we are fearful to them, they too will constitute fearful beings to us because we cannot comprehend what they are and what they think. Someone can live with you, walk with you but has nothing to eat. Because of your pride and arrogance, he will be afraid to disclose to you that he has nothing to eat. But an humble person can live with you, and without being told, you understand that he has nothing to eat. You will know what to do for him. The irony of fate is that you will not understand that the humble man is Our Lord Jesus Christ.

That is why you may have five or ten people from a family and out of that number, only one may be very kind and humble. The rest are proud and arrogant. Because of one man's humility he is prepared to bear the responsibility of the family and to listen to complaints and to solve them.

A SERVANT IS THE GREATEST

Brothers, are we not witnesses to the fact that, many of us say in anger, "Do not regard me as your servant." If you are not a servant, what have you come to do? How can you serve Our Lord Jesus Christ? Our Lord Jesus Christ bore the likeness of man and that of servant. That is why children even said to him "come and do this or that for us." He sat and discussed with people. People were satisfied with Him. Our Lord Jesus Christ in turn became satisfied with people and took away their problems. Can you now see why He is the greatest of all?

Our Lord Jesus Christ disguised His identity. On the mount of transfiguration, He revealed Himself and the disciples "fell on their face, and were solely afraid." If He had come in that form, who would go to Him? And to whom would He go? What then would have been the usefulness of His coming?

BLESSED IS HE WHO DOES NOT SEE BUT BELIEVES

When the Israelites were with Moses, they demanded that they should see God face to face, because hitherto he was delivering God's message. Thunder struck and the heavens and earth came together; and I ask, could they withstand this? When Moses told them to come and see God face to face,

they replied that they were satisfied with whatever Moses said. You are expecting Our Lord Jesus Christ in that form, in a thunderous way, so that you may believe Him to be the true God. That is why people argue they are waiting on the day the bell will be tolled with the trumpet sounding from heaven. If we hear any thunderous sound now, we will take to our heels. But the thunder is Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We must therefore humble ourselves just as He is humble. If we do not humble ourselves, we will not see Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is He who enters into the womb of a woman. It is He who is in heaven, who is walking in the streets and who is everywhere. He has shown us the pattern of life we must live. No matter how rich you may be, or how high your kingship position may be; no matter how beautiful you may be, forget about these things, only humble yourself so that you will see the orphans, know how to help people, become a loving vessel and a helper unto others.

MAN NEEDS GOD WHEN HE IS POOR

Brethren, we have failed. When you have no money, we will prostrate and call upon God, but when we are rich we will regard the Kingdom of God as a child's play and no more call on Our Lord Jesus Christ. When you are not yet a king, you will attend church services and visit brethren from house to house. Immediately you are installed a king, you will become proud and declare to people, that you are now the king. You will no more go out. And I ask, have you not failed? If you should abandon your throne and go out to preach, your people will accuse you of sacrilege and you will be dethroned. If you have prominent children who are lawyers, doctors, your attempt to visit brethren and

preach will be resisted by them for you lack nothing.

You can imagine how the world has often disgraced Our Lord Jesus Christ. When a President wants to worship in a church, members will take their seats punctually in order to catch a glimpse of him. So it is with the Governor. People will also line the street for them. People will concentrate their attention on the president or governor. Will the people recognise Our Lord Jesus Christ or will they rather look unto the President or the governor?

PRIDE GOES BEFORE A FALL

That is why it is said, unless we are born again, we cannot see Our Lord Jesus Christ within us. You are only proclaiming his name in vain. You proclaim that God is in our midst but you continue to tell lies. You proclaim that God is in our midst but you continue to kill. You proclaim that God is in our midst you continue to converse while the sermon is being imparted, you continue to steal and commit other forms of vices.

Why do people inflict corporal punishment? Why do people become exasperated? Why do people abuse? Because **you** hold that if you are humble you will not be regarded. You must therefore behave in such a way that people become afraid of you.

Do you believe that when you abuse any person or become angry with any person, that you are not angry with Our Lord Jesus Christ, or that you do not abuse God, or that you do not disgrace God?

Brthren, let our second lesson be read.

2nd Lesson: Matthew 11:11

"Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Brethren, can you notice what has eluded the whole world? The way and manner people think of Our Lord Jesus Christ makes them hold that when He comes he will be a huge person with a long flowing royal paraphernalia and he will move in such a way that people will not pass along the streets. That is why He is not regarded to have been born of a woman.

HE WHO HUMBLER HIMSELF SHALL BE EXALTED

Have you not heard what He taught, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." As God, He went to John the Baptist to be baptized of Him. Can any other mark of humility be greater than that? John bore eloquent testimony about Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of man, Son of God and God Himself, when He said, "He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me; the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose." It is this same person so described that went to John and requested to be baptized. John himself was surprised and said, "I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?" But Our Lord Jesus Christ replied, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." Humility is the greatest attribute. Have you not seen this attribute of humility in Him? That is why we are told to be humble; and to be born again.

I want you to ponder over these statements. John

himself bore eloquent testimony of Him. He said, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; He shall baptize with the Holy Ghost, and with fire? It is this same person, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who went to John to be baptized by Him. Can you so humble yourself? That is the type of humility you are expected to demonstrate, and this is what is meant "to be born again."

THE SON IS THE FATHER OF THE MAN

Have you not known that it is the senior who normally blesses the junior and the ^{son} emerges to be father of the man. God told John to baptize with water and "upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost." There is therefore a question for you to answer. If Our Lord Jesus Christ ascended from the cloud amidst thunder and lightning, would John not have taken to his heels? If our Lord Jesus had come in such glory, could He have gone to John for baptism? He could not have gone. And would He have been endowed with the Holy Spirit? No.

HUMBLE YOURSELF UNDER GOD AND HE WILL EXALT YOU

Does Our Lord Jesus Christ not teach us about humility? He said, "When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room". "But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; whether you are a king or not; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may

say unto thee, friend, go up higher: then shall thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee."

Upon all the teachings imparted to you, who among you obeys the other? If you tell a Pastor to sit at a particular place, he will tell you to get away. He will ask, what is your rank in Brotherhood? The Christ students do not obey one another. They feel they are the only cock to crow. The Christ servants do not obey any man. They are only those to be seen and heard. The choristers, Elders and all of you do not obey one another. You are like periwinkles, each with its "cap." That is why you have differing opinions when you go out. You are not prepared to be born again.

No one will ever say, "Thank you Father" after being told not to pass through a particular place. When Our Lord Jesus Christ forbids you from passing through a particular place, you will tell Him, to get out from here. Is it not Our Lord Jesus Christ you are abusing? You can learn a lesson from what is obtaining in this Kingdom of God? People always struggle to pray. Someone is ready to blow you with his fist if you forbid him to pray. Do you not see how people scramble for the feast? It has been said that we should not scramble for food. But you scramble, pushing people from one side to the other.

THE GREATEST MUST BE A SEVANT

Do you know that "he that is the least is the greatest in this Kingdom of God? Why you do not believe in Him, is that upon your actions, you have not seen any man emerging to say, "I am God spoken of." No matter what you do, even if you fist a person or carry away the tithe box, you will not find anyone. That is why you ask, "where is God people

are talking of? I have destroyed the tithe box and taken away the tithe; why has God not confronted me?"

Here lies the difference between Brotherhood and other church denominations, in other church denominations, even a man at the pulpit will instruct that the person be arrested and so the police will be invited! They think they are serving God. But you must not blame them. If the church argues that the Christ is not yet come, it means He has not yet come to them. It is because of pride and arrogance, they cannot see Him. But Our Lord Jesus Christ has told you that as long as you have been able to do this to this little one, you have done it unto me. He told you, "I was in the prison and you visited me. I was naked and you gave me clothes. I was in the hospital you visited me. I was hungry and you gave me food." The question, comes. Who said this? The paupers in the streets. But now that you do not want a poor person, and the sick, because you hold that it is their sins which have visited punishment on them; now that you are against any person who has a case to answer, where will you find Our Lord Jesus Christ?

MAN IS A PUGNACIOUS ANIMAL

It is only someone who is in heaven that we recognise as God. As for a beggar, we see Him as satan. A sick man along the street, we say, is there as a result of his sins. Any person who drives past in his luxurious car is regarded as one who is greatly loved by God and is even regarded as god.

If you go to the post office to buy stamps if you do not struggle, shunt and fight, will you get what you want? A humble person who simply waits for his turn will not be served.

He will be there till even the following day without getting what he wanted. Do you think that God does not know why, immediately you leave my presence, you adopt the ways of life of the world? When you want to engage in business with the people of the world, ^{you} will buy costly dresses, plait your hair, dress neatly and even borrow a car from someone. If you do not behave in this way, you will not succeed in your business. That is why the world does not know Our Lord Jesus Christ. If you go to a person's house and tell the person, to give you his load to carry for him or to serve people at table with water to wash their hands, you will be reprimanded by others who will question why, as a senior person, you would decide to serve junior persons. Can your children allow you to render such help? Can your brothers allow you to render such service? Can your friends permit you to perform such duties? Such duties are counted as menial and you are regarded as a foolish person. But how can you then know Our Lord Jesus Christ, with^{out} such a way of life?

THE WASHING OF LEGS EPISODE SYMBOLISES HUMILITY

Did Our Lord Jesus Christ not perform similar duties? Did He not wash the feet of the twelve disciples and wipe them with a towel? Why He is the greatest in the whole world is that He is born again. He does not adopt our way of life. He does not dress gorgeously. He does not smoke and live exorbitantly. He came to serve. That is why He humbles Himself, listens to our problems, knows our sickness, and heals us. Until he ends rendering His services you will be regarding him as mentally deranged fellow.

Have you not heard of that adage which states. "A man decides to die because of shame." You may be hungry and can obtain food from one who has, **but** because the person is proud,

pompous and arrogant, you choose to die rather than ask the person for food because he may disgrace you by disclosing your plight to others.

Pride, pomposity, arrogance, self aggrandisement are what hinder us from sweeping the house for others or even drawing water from the water tap. How then will you be able to see Our Lord Jesus Christ? Upon all the teachings on humility imparted to you, no one has accepted to become like a little child. Have you not heard that all those who exalt themselves will be abased and those who humble themselves will be exalted?

If we are desirous of seeing that baby, we must humble ourselves, we must also prostrate; without which we cannot see Him. Whoever humbles himself cares for the poor and orphans, the needy and the afflicted, is the greatest of all and one who sees Our Lord Jesus Christ. I want to ask you and the whole world this pertinent question. Do you know that the master in any home should be the person who sweeps the floor, fetches water, sees about the welfare of the entire family, keeps everything clean?

Can you believe that any person who adopts the position of a slave is the Christ? Adorning yourself with ornaments, putting on damask, and sitting on a chair to be fanned by people mean nothing. The person who humbles himself, by sweeping the floor, is the Christ. The person who stands aloof while others are scrambling for food is the Christ. Whoever sits in a low position, is quiet, and obeys orders is Our Lord Jesus Christ. Tell me how the world will be able to know him. How will you be able to see him? That is why he has said, that if we do not repent and be born again, we cannot know Him.

We regard any person who serves us as a mean, demented and as a stupid fellow while we regard ourselves as the superior. I know such a person is Our Lord Jesus Christ. How do you know Him? Because apart from him, there is no other person who can be merciful, loving and humble, having regard for others. And so brethren, I do not intend to overload you, let the golden text be read.

Golden Text: Matthew 18:4

"Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Brethren, have you heard that? Have you not got the answer to the statement of Our Lord Jesus Christ that, "there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist; notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he? No person can identify God by the type of garment we wear. God cannot be known through the magnificent houses we build for ourselves. God cannot be known through the types of degrees we acquire or the type of fluent English language we speak. God is not known through your generous donations. He is known through humility, whoever humbles himself, prostrates, and does not regard himself, and is prepared to abide by the instructions and exhortations, and serve one another, is God. All these things we narrate are not regarded by any man. But that is simply God. That is why the world has denied Him.

THE SERVANT IS GREATEST

He has confirmed that the one greater than you is your servant. Why have you not known that your servant, who

sweeps the floor, fetches water for you, humbles himself and does everything, is the greatest, and also God who is in our midst. Why can you not know this fact?

But we rather damn Him, disgrace Him, and make Him subject of ridicule. Another person will decide to serve you. And when you give order he will simply obey. When you tell him to run to a certain direction, he will obey. This is God you are playing with. He gives you food, provides clothings, and everything. Even if you steal, He will not comment. If you fight, he will not say anything. If you tell lies, he will not say anything. What do you think such a person is?

UNLESS WE BECOME LIKE CHILDREN,
WE CANNOT SEE HIM

Brethren, that is why it is said, unless we become like unto little children, we will not see the Kingdom of God. Unless we become like little ones, it will ^{be} impossible for us to see God and will be impossible to see Our Lord Jesus Christ who is in this Kingdom. He is walking along all nooks and corners and everywhere. You are looking for him in the thick forest, in sky scrappers, you will not find Him there.

You want a wife so that she may serve you. You want children so that they may serve you. You want position in the church so that you may be served. These are the causes of your failure. We have no other person to serve us apart from Our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no person who is merciful unto you, He is the only One who is merciful. There is no other person who is loving towards us except Our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no other person who can tolerate us apart from Our Lord Jesus Christ.

But the pertinent question we have is, do we know Him? Do we recognise Him? Do we not regard Him as a very stupid being, and that we are wiser than Him, and that we speak more fluent English language, that He is blind and afraid of us. If you tell someone now that he is Our Lord Jesus Christ, he will warn you not to compare him with Our Lord Jesus Christ he will continue to tell you that he cannot tolerate you; that He is a man and not Our Lord Jesus Christ, and if you should offend Him, He will set aside the Holy Bible and deals with you he will also swear not to tolerate, should you behave on the contrary. No matter the extend we abuse God, He will continue to provide us with food.

BE REBORN IN ORDER TO SEE HIM

That is why it is said, unless we are born again, we cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. If we do not humble ourselves, we cannot see God. If a white man, or a governor, or a millionaire or a judge, or a magistrate comes into your midst, you will follow him, thinking that he is everything.

And so brethren, do not allow yourself to be deceived. God moves in a mysterious way but the world does not know Him. Have you not noticed that we do not worship Our Lord Jesus Christ? Because we are always looking for a person who will inflict us with corporal punishment before we become quiet. Since God does not quarrel with us, disgrace us, we do not regard Him. Why do we not regard Him? Because we have not repented, and become as little children. That is why we cannot see him nor know Him.

Observe and you will discover that whoever humbles himself will always be quiet.

Brethren, I do not intend to be tedious unto you. It is said that one stroke of the cane is sufficeient for the wise. Those who have ears to hear let them hear. May God bless His words. Amen.