



**Zionophobia: Progressive Education's Attack on Marriage & Family; Mental Child Abuse  
Addressed by the Lord in Matt 18: Intro: vv. 1-2**

8. It is bad enough that so many children are being physically abused in our society. But although these cases are small percentagewise they are each a tragic testimony to the tragic decline of the divine institutions of marriage and family.
9. Physical abuse of a relatively small number of children is bad enough but simultaneous with this is the tragedy of mental abuse accomplished by the indoctrination of unsuspecting children into the paradigm of Progressive ideology.
10. Law enforcement can arrest, indict, prosecute, and convict child abusers but the ones propagandizing the souls of the masses throughout every passing day of the academic calendar do so with the encouragement and protection of the law.
11. Matthew 18:1-14 addresses both these problems. In fact, Progressive ideology in many ways has contributed to the increase in physical abuse of children.
12. Progressives extract, omit, and discourage discussion of biblical principles with offer guidance and restraint. These are subjects that are considered to be "religious" in nature and thus verboten in the classroom.
13. Scripture reveals common-sense standards of behavior that if taught as "values" would contribute greatly to maintaining order and civility within the schools.
14. But without the restraint provided by these standards disorder occurs and in an effort to restore order a set of rules constructed from human viewpoint are developed to replace them.
15. Political correctness, multiculturalism, and diversity are the substitutes offered by the devil's world to replace what societies for two millennia have discovered works in the environment of real-life interpersonal relationships.
16. This political correctness has targeted the divine institutions of marriage and family in its obsession with equality and diversity.
17. So in Matthew 18 we find the Lord addressing the subject of child abuse. Those who abuse children—physically or mentally—obviously or subtly—will be prosecuted by the Supreme Court of Heaven.
18. Matthew 18 is often misunderstood and therefore misapplied because it is considered to address more than one subject and one of these is the evangelism of the lost.
19. However, the entire context of verses 1-18 addresses one subject: child abuse and those under discussion are believers and evangelism is not pertinent to the passage.
20. An overview of the entire passage of Matthew 18 is helpful:

**Matthew 18:1 - In the same hour, [the disciples are all present at Peter's house in Capernaum, Matthew 17:24-25] the disciples came to Jesus saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of God?"**

1. The disciples are involved in self-absorption as they debate one another over which one of them is going to be considered the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
2. They were more interested in discovering what political power they each would possess in heaven than on the spiritual duties that remained to be done in their earthly ministries.



3. They were ignoring the principles of truth that the Lord had communicated and were not yet oriented to the critical part each would play in introducing the Christian faith to the world.

**Matthew 18:2** - Jesus called a little child to Himself and had him stand among them.

1. In response to their self-absorbed question, the Lord brought in a small boy in order to teach them the principle that in order to be great in the kingdom of heaven one must have the humility of a child whose soul is ever-ready to accept by faith the things taught him by an adult.
2. This child is most likely Peter's son since they were all gathered together in Peter's home. The Lord is going to use this small boy to teach the disciples about the awesome responsibility they have in communicating truth.