



“Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

Matt. 18:1

2nd Sunday of Epep

The Greatest in Heaven

What are the virtues of children that make them the greatest in heaven?

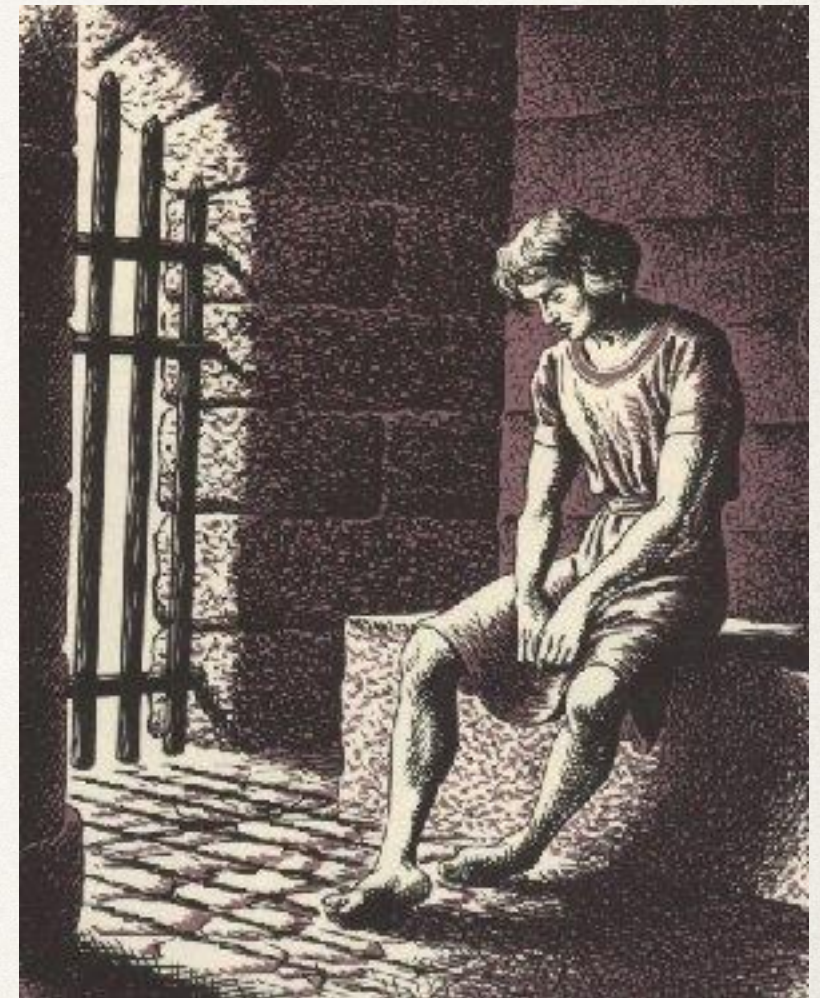
1. Trust

- ❖ Trust despite hardship



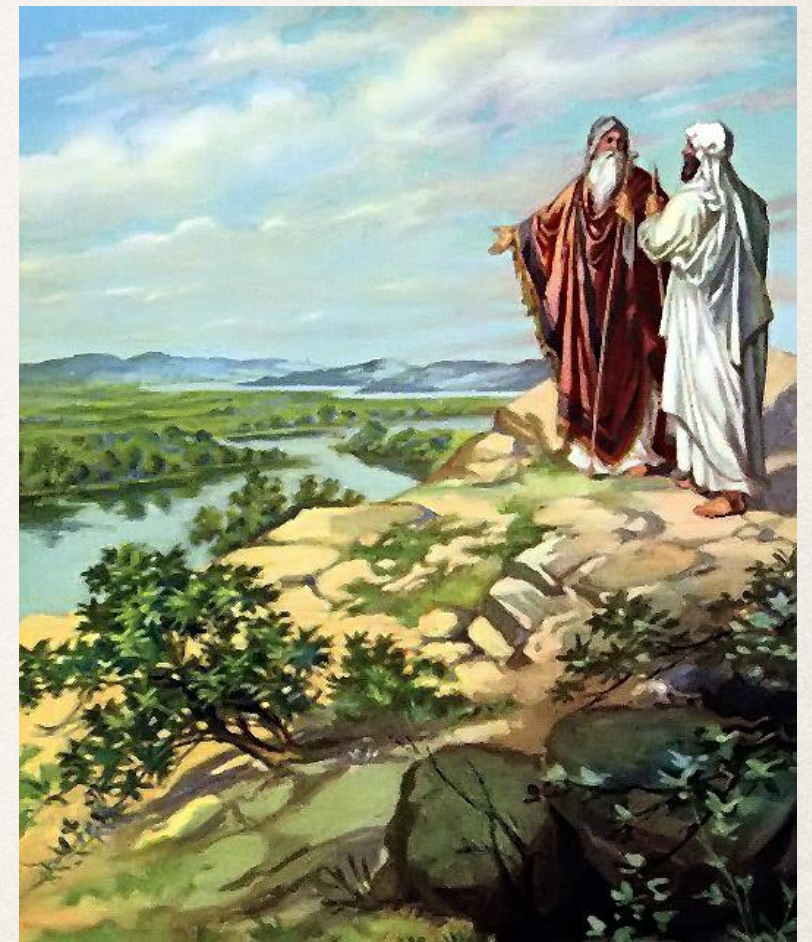
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- ❖ In Understanding
- ❖ “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” (Prov. 3:5-6)



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- ❖ In direction
- ❖ “O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.” (Jer. 10:23)
- ❖ “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” (Ps. 23:4)



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- ❖ In help
- ❖ “The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped...” (Ps. 28:7)

2. Humility

- ❖ “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.” (Mk. 9:35)
- ❖ “Do not boast in yourselves; Do not accuse God of wrongdoing.” (LXX Ps. 74:6)

3. Forgiveness

- ❖ “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath...” (Eph. 4:26)

4. Peace and Reconciliation

- ❖ “Let him alone, and let him curse; for so the Lord has ordered him. It may be that the Lord will look on my affliction, and that the Lord will repay me with good for his cursing this day.” (2 Sam. 16:11-12)
- ❖ David with Shimei



5. Not given to a debased mind

- ❖ Envy
- ❖ Lusts of the flesh
- ❖ Revenge
- ❖ Be ignorant regarding the knowledge of evil and wise in the Lord.

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