

God is in Little Things

Text: Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Mark 12:41-44 And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. 42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. 43 And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: 44 For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

Mark 9:41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Matthew 20:12-16 ...saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. 13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? 14 Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? 16 **So the last shall be first, and the first last:** for many be called, but few chosen.

Introduction: God deals in both Big and Little Things:

BIG Things - Psalms 8:1, 3-4 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

LITTLE Things – Although there are many other examples to show in scripture, I chose the five listed above from my text to use as references for this sermon. These scriptures teach that God sees everything:

- *faithfulness in that which is least*
- *the smallest unjust actions hidden behind closed doors*
- *a poor widow's 2 mites ((mite - least coin in circulation = 1/128th of a denarius (denarius = one day's wage))*
- *a cup of water in Jesus' name*
- *a cup of water in honor of an unnamed disciple (note: the small "d" letter denotes "any" of Christ's followers)*
- *full wages for a small amount of labor (one hour = 1/12 of a day's labor)*
- *some of His "last or lowest" servants will be placed ahead of some of His 1st servants*

I. God is seriously involved in Little Things – Let's look at 3 examples from His Creation:

1) Insects:

- *At any time, it is estimated that there are some 10 quintillion (10,000,000,000,000,000,000) individual insects alive. (note: 10 with 18 zeros).*
Several enlightening studies have been conducted involving the numbers of individual insects in a given area. In North Carolina, soil samples to a depth of 5 inches yielded a calculation that there were approximately 124 million animals (insects) per acre... A similar study in Pennsylvania yielded figures of 425 million animals (insects) per acre. (ref.: Smithsonian, Information Sheet Number 18, 1996)
- *This equates to 200 million to 1.4 billion insects for every human on the planet (ref.: Google AI)*
- *It is estimated that there are 900,000 to one million known species of insects (ref.: Google AI)*
- *The total biomass (weight) of all insects is about 70 times more than all humans (ref.: Google AI)*

2) Human Cells:

- *Cells are the fundamental units of life, forming the building blocks of all tissues and organs in the human body.*

- *How Many Cells Does the Human Body Have? ... an average male human has roughly 36 trillion cells, while their adult female counterparts have 28 trillion cells. On the other hand, children who are 10 years old have roughly 17 trillion cells. (ref.: Human Body Number of Cells: Massive New Analysis Reveals How Many Cells a Person Has by Kendra Stacy Published: Sep 20 2023, 23:28 PM EDT, Science Times) (note: this number is only an estimate – other studies say 37 to 100 trillion human cells ??)*
- *There are about 200 different types of cells in the body (examples: red blood cells, skin cells, nerve cells, fat cells). (ref.: Goggle AI)*
- *Cells are “complex microscopic factories of life.” (ref.: Goggle AI)
“Organelles” or specialized subunits within each cell performs specific functions:
Nucleus – stores DNA and controls cell activity
Mitochondria (mīte-ta-kann-dree-ah) - produces and stores chemical energy (ATP like batteries)
(note: each human cell contains roughly 100,000 to 1,000,000 ATP synthases molecules)
Ribosomes – assembles proteins
Lysosomes – digest waste and recycles material*
- *Cell DNA – despite the nucleus being only 5–10 micrometers in diameter (note: 1 inch = 25,400 micrometers), each human cell contains about 2 meters (6.5 feet) of DNA - The total DNA in an adult human body stretches approximately 3.9 billion miles. (ref.: Goggle AI)*

3) Atoms:

- *Atoms are the fundamental building blocks of matter. An atom consists of a nucleus of protons and generally neutrons, surrounded by an electromagnetically bound swarm of electrons.*
- *Scientists estimate the average human cell contains about 100 trillion atoms. (ref.: Goggle AI)*
- *A typical atom sizes is roughly 0.1 to 0.5 nanometers ((1billion nanometers = 1 meter (3.2808 ft.)) (computer printer paper’s thickness = 100,000 nanometers)*
- *Nucleus of atom is over 100,000 times smaller than the overall atom (if atom was a football stadium, the nucleus would be the size of a marble or single pea) (ref.: Goggle AI)*
- *Electrons in an atom travel at incredibly speeds with an electron in a hydrogen atom moving roughly at 4.9 million MPH. Electron speeds vary by element with some electrons approaching the speed of light. (ref.: Goggle AI)*

II. How is knowing this about God relevant? Can knowing this help Christian Believers today? YES!

Note: IT DOESN’T HELP MUCH IF YOU ARE INCLUDED IN THE “1ST” GROUP OF BELIEVERS!

THIS MESSAGE IS FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN “LAST” or the “FORGOTTEN” GROUP OF BELIEVERS:

- *ordinary members of the church who think they contribute little that is important to God*
- *the uneducated or those who find it hard to learn because of learning disabilities*
- *Christians who are poor and can only give small offerings to the church*
- *Christians who have received only one talent from God*
- *behind-the-scene workers who do the smaller jobs at the church and are seldom recognized*
- *pastors and leaders of the smaller churches of the world*
- *missionaries and Christian workers who are sent to work in the lonely outposts of the world*
- *prayer warriors who labor in the hidden closets of their home*
- *mothers and fathers whose main task is teaching and guiding children toward God*
- *widows who seem to be forgotten or forsaken by church and family with some now living in nursing homes*
- *Believers who think of themselves as outcasts because of their sinful past*
- *Christians who think that because they are divorced God sees them as less than other Believers*
- *Christians who are handicapped or in poor health and cannot come to church as they once did*
- *oversea Christians in small villages or small towns serving God in meager church settings around the world*
- *Christians who are on the sideline of God’s work due to no fault of their own (the unhired vineyard worker)*

Note: The Group listed above contains most Christian Believers and many of the churches throughout our world today - THOSE WHO ARE SHUNNED or STOPPED FROM WORKING FOR GOD IN THE LARGER CONGREGATIONS & CHURCH LEADERSHIP OF TODAY!

III. THERE IS GOOD NEWS FOR THE LEAST IN GOD'S KINGDOM

1) God does not despise small things: HE USES SMALL THINGS TO MAKE GREAT THINGS!

Zechariah 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things?

Little is Much if God is in it:

- a widow's two mites
- a cup of water given in honor of Christ or His People
- true faithfulness in the heart of a small Believer
- a few small loaves and fishes
- an ordinary shepherd's rod in the hand of Moses
- a widow's meager barrel of meal and oil in Elijah's day
- one small cruise of oil and borrowed empty pots in Elisha's day
- a wild-man's voice crying in the wilderness
- eleven uneducated disciples to start the kingdom of Christ on earth

Little things are important to God – everything we do is little compared to Him!

2) God doesn't see things as we see things: He sees value in things we cannot see!

Jeremiah 17:10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings

I Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

****Genuine faithfulness in the heart of the least Christian is as valuable as the faithfulness of the greatest!***

3) God is no respecter of person: God isn't impressed by man's showmanship!

God loves those who labor for Him out of love not to do a Hollywood performance!

God prefers a kindergartner's drawing done with love more than a "Rembrandt" of religious perfection

James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

4) God Loves all of His Children, not just those who are at the top!

Matthew 19:13-14 Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

I Corinthians 12:22-24 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:

5) CLOSING: 1st place in His kingdom is still open to the last today as well as to the first!

God's Promise: Matthew 20:16 So the last shall be first, and the first last

God gives us the same opportunity today if we will but surrender our life to Him!

Matthew 5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Revelation 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.