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Let's Pray

Improving Vision

I. Native vs. Immigrant

Matthew 18:1-4 (NIV®)

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "**Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?**" ² He called a little child and had him stand among them. ³ And he said: "I tell you the truth, **unless you change and become like little children**, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Teach your children well

- ❖ There is a God
- ❖ Jesus is His son
- ❖ Bible is true/trustworthy
- ❖ Respect

II. New Response ---Let's Pray

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV®)

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

In our homes, with our family

- ❖ Heavenly Father, watch over us today, in Jesus' name, amen.
- ❖ Almighty God help us to honor you today, in Jesus' name, amen.
- ❖ Thank you for my family, amen.

III. Spiritual Matters Matter

John 4:24 (NIV®)

²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

A. Temporary World Order

1 Corinthians 7:31 (NIV®)

For this world in its present form is passing away.

Isaiah 11:6-9 (NIV®)

⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ⁷ The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. ⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Revelation 21:1, 4 (NIV®)

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. . . . ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

B. Unseen Reality

Seen/unseen

Temporary/eternal

Heaven/earth

Visible/invisible

Spiritual/physical

Temporary/eternal

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV®)

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For **what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.**

Visible/invisible

Hebrews 11:3 (NIV®)

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

IV. Prayer Matters

Luke 13:10-17 (NIV®)

¹⁰ On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹ and a woman was there who had been **crippled by a spirit for eighteen years**. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." ¹³ Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

¹⁴ Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath."

¹⁵ The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? ¹⁶ Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, **whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years**, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

Prayer

Isaiah 40:29-31 (NASB)

²⁹ **He gives strength to the weary, And to *him who* lacks might He increases power.**

³⁰ Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly,

³¹ **Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up *with* wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.**

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