

CONCERN FOR THE YOUNG

(Narrated Bible Mt. 18:5,6,10-14; Mk. 9:36,37,42)

Jesus took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in His arms, He said to them,

“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One Who sent Me.” But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

“See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of My Father in heaven.

“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.”