## Matthew 19:13-15 **Little Children and the Kingdom of Heaven**

13 Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." 15 And He laid His hands on them and departed from there. NKJV

## Facts Revealed:

- The parents wanted their little children to be blessed by Jesus, that He would lay His hands on them and pray for them. [Matthew 19:13, Mark 10:13, Luke 18:15]
- The disciples thought it a waste of time, an interference or a distraction, and rebuked them.
- \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Jesus viewed it differently, and the little children were precious to Him.

  - → Assuredly, I say to you, Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it. [Mark 10:15, Luke 18:17]
  - ♦ Jesus had previously used a humble little child as an example of the humble requirement for anyone who desired to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. [Matthew 18:1-14, Luke 9:46-48]
  - → Jesus took the children in His arms, laid His hands on them and blessed them. [Matthew 19:15, Mark 10:16]
  - ♦ Afterward He departed. [Matthew 19:15]