

SUNDAY A.M. MARCH 18, 2018

**SERMON: Working Out Problems in
The Church (Part 1) *Text: Mt 18:15-20***

INTRODUCTION TO MATTHEW CHAPTER 18

The gospels are, in short, a record of what Jesus began both to do and to teach. In chapter 17, we had an account of his doings, of his teachings; probably, not all at the same time, in a continued discourse, but at several times, upon different occasions. Here in chapter 18 we have,

- I. Instructions concerning humility, Mt 18:1-6.
- II. Concerning offences in general (Mt 18:7), particular offences given,
 1. By us to ourselves, Mt 18:8-9.
 2. By us to others, Mt 18:10-14.
 3. By others to us; which are of two sorts,
 - Scandalous sins, which are to be reproved, Mt 18:15-20.
 - Personal wrongs, which are to be forgiven, Mt 18:21-35.

See how practical Christ's preaching was; he could have revealed mysteries, but he pressed plain duties, especially those that are most displeasing to flesh and blood. (MHC)

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