

**WHAT ARE WE TO DO CONCERNING A SINNING BROTHER?  
JESUS REVEALS HOW HE GOES AFTER HIS STRAYING SHEEP  
Matt 18:11-20**

- I. *(REVIEW THE CONTEXT)* We must **RECOGNIZE HOW VALUABLE TRUE BELIEVERS ARE** TO CHRIST AND TREAT THEM ACCORDINGLY (1-10)
  
- II. **REALIZE JESUS GOES AFTER HIS PRECIOUS SHEEP WHO STRAY** (SIN) (11-14)
  
- III. **UNDERSTAND HOW JESUS SEEKS THOSE WHO STRAY AND OBEY:** He seeks to win them through His body on earth (the Church) obeying His Word that straying sheep might be turned back and won (15-20)
  - a. **EXCEPTIONS FOR WHICH SHOULD WE DO NOT APPLY MATT. 18:**
    - i. **We do not apply Matt. 18 for the myriad of sins that do not characterize our lives**, are not continual habitual and are not out of rebellion, those that are covered by love. Instead, we apply 1Cor. 13, and 1Peter 4:8.
    - ii. **We do not apply Matt. 18 for a brother that is tripped up and caught in a trespass.** Instead, we apply Gal. 6:1.
    - iii. **We do not apply Matt. 18 for those who are not rebellious yet are publicly disobeying.** Instead, they are to be admonished, even rebuked publicly, separated from if they do not respond, and thus shamed that they might obey (Gal. 2:11-21, 1Thes. 5:14-15 and 2Thes. 3:6-15)
    - iv. **We do not apply Matt. 18 for those who cause divisions, factions, and hindrances.** Instead, we apply Rom. 16:17-18, Tit. 3:10-11.
  
  - b. **HOW DO WE APPLY MATT 18**, when appropriate? (15-17)
    - i. **Go and reprove** (expose their sin) **privately** to try to win them (15)
    - ii. If they do not listen, **bring one or two more witnesses** (16-17a)
    - iii. If they do not listen, **tell it to the church** (17b)
    - iv. If they do not listen, **treat them as outsiders** (17b- 18)
  
  - c. **Be aware of the Heavenly Authority behind the earthly process** (18-20)