

1. TWO PERSONS INVOLVED:

1. The OFFENDER of Matthew 5:23,24.

- (1) Here the offender is commanded to go.
- (2) Even if we have come to the altar (worship) and remembrance of the offense is brought to mind, even then, the duty of reparation must be attended to first. Matt. 6:14,15.
- (3) No offering which we can make to God is acceptable while we are conscious of an uncompensated wrong to a fellow-man.

2. The OFFENDED of Matthew 18:15-20.

- (1) It is not as men would have it, THE OFFENDER TO GO, but here the OFFENDED must do the going.
- (2) The TIME, PLACE, or CIRCUMSTANCES, of the going are not here named.
- (3) The object of going is to gain thy brother. This will determine the character of the rebuke.

2. THE PENALTY FOR SUCH AN OFFENSE: Matt. 18:6

1. It would be better to have a millstone tied about your neck and to be drown in the depth of the sea.
2. WHY IS DROWNING BETTER? The suffering of drowning is for a moment. Hell Fire is forever.

3. THE PROCEDURE OF THE OFFENDED

1. Here quarrels seem to be contemplated between individual Christians.

2. The purpose of the rebuke: TO GAIN THY BROTHER.

3. The purpose of the rebuke would indicate the character of the rebuke: 1 Cor. 13:4-7; Gal. 6:1

4. STEP NUMBER ONE

1. The offended must go alone. Between thee and him

5. STEP NUMNER TWO

1. if the first step fails. Take with the one or two

6. IF THE FIRST TWO STEPS FAIL or more.

1. If he will not hear them tell it unto the church.

7. THE FINAL STEP

1. Let him be unto thee an heathen man and a publican IF? he will not hear the church.

2. The obdurate must be deprived of church membership

3. SPECIAL NOTE: Always remember this is not left to the individual to decide that some

one is not worthy of fellowship.

