

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Matthew 18: 15-20

15. Moreover (for those not realising or paying attention it is the Lord speaking at this point) if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault – using expletive tongue if necessary - between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, and there is nought of wax in his ear, thou hast gained thy brother.
16. But if he will not hear thee, there is clearly exceeding auricular blockage, then take with thee one or two more, with sticks and cloths, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And they shall insert them accordingly until the impediment be removed.
17. And if he shall still neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church. I know it doesn't exist yet, and the use of the Greek will be super-controversial for divers traditions, but hear me out. They'll love it, in this ecclesia-thing, especially if it's a bit juicy and saucy (let the reader understand.) But if he neglect to hear the church, and make rude signs and expositions unto them, let him be unto thee as an heathen man, a publican, and an admirer of sundry flocks.
18. Verily I say unto you, oh yes! Whatsoever ye shall bind, tightly or not, on earth shall be bound the same way in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. No, Thaddeus, not that sort of loose! And not that sort of binding and tying either!
19. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing – patience, Peter, that vision comes much later - that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. Seriously.
20. For where two or three, hopefully a bit more, are gathered together in my Name, there am I (get it?) in the midst of them. And something called the eucharist will happen. But more about that later.