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Matthew 18:15-35

**The Teaching & Preaching Ministry of Jesus Christ
Was, and is Given with The Sole Purpose of Redemptive-Restoration**

Matthew 13:1-3a

On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. ² And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. ^{3a} Then He spoke many things to them in **parables**

Psalm 78:2 ESV

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

Jesus Begins with Chapter 18 with a Profound Truth

Matthew 18:2-5

Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, ³ and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

We Looked @ The Setting:

Matthew 18:15-20

“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that *“by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.”* ¹⁷ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you **like** a heathen and a tax collector. ¹⁸ “Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

We Looked @ The Question:

Matthew 18:21

Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, **how often** shall my brother sin against me, **and I forgive him?** Up to seven times?”

We Began to Look @ The Answer:

Matthew 18:22-35

Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. ²³ Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. ²⁶ The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, “Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ ²⁷ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ “But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ ³⁰ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. ³¹ So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. ³² Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, “You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³ Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ ³⁴ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. ³⁵ “So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

THE PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT

WHAT IT MEANS TO FORGIVE AND TO BE FORGIVEN

1.) Be like Jesus and be forgiving

Matthew 18:22-25

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Peter is Thinking like a good Jew Here (+)

Matthew 18:21

Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? **Up to seven times?"**

The Situation:

Matthew 18:15

"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

Privacy is Commanded by Jesus – why?

(1) To maintain an atmosphere of restoration. **(2)** To spare shame and resentment. **(3)** To prevent gossip. **(4)** And from adding to the sin.

Matthew 18:15

"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his **fault** between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have **gained** your brother.

We're not to be concerned about **WINNING THE ARGUMENT**
but rather **WINNING A BROTHER**

Example:

I will never really love someone unless my love is greater than their sin.
But because I do love them – I am willing to reach out to them...

1 Corinthians 13:5 NIV

Love does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered, it (love) keeps no record of wrongs.

THE PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT

WHAT IT MEANS TO FORGIVE AND TO BE FORGIVEN

2.) Be like Jesus and be compassionate

The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, "Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all." **27** Then the master of that servant was (1) moved with compassion, (2) released him, and (3) forgave him the debt

The Situation:

Matthew 18:16-17a

if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that "*by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.*" **17** And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church.

(1) *He, The Master = God* was (moved with compassion) *due to the man's impossible condition to not be able to pay.* (2) *He, The Master = God* (released him, and) (3) *He, The Master = God* forgave him the debt

Don't read into this that which is not there.

This is not a parable about "can you lose your salvation if you do not forgive someone" it's a parable about CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

Note Here That a Christian is to be **Rooted in a Local Church**

Jesus is teaching this;

That forgiveness is to be a Constant Attitude toward others

Colossians 3:13

Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.

Colossians 3:13a KJV

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another,

Colossians 3:13a NIV

Bear with each other and forgive one another

Colossians 3:13a NLT

Make allowance for each other' s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you.

Allowance: **GRK 430 anechomai** (*an-ekh'-om-ahee*)
to hold oneself up against, to put up with and endure. to suffer by others.

Ephesians 4:32

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, **forgiving** one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

But How Do I, How Can I Forgive Those Who Have Wronged Me?

(By taking your eyes off them and seeing yourself standing before God.
Then commit them to the judgment of God)

When we grant forgiveness to someone we are being like Jesus.

Forgiveness sets you free from the pain and power of what has been done against you. In this, we are the ones being set free. Jesus gives us the power to forgive others so that we might press on into freedom.

Psalm 130:4

There is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared. (*awed*)

THE PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT
WHAT IT MEANS TO FORGIVE AND TO BE FORGIVEN

3.) Be like Jesus and be patient

“But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’³⁰ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.³¹ So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

The tragic thing here is that –
the man has lost all concept of his indebtedness to His Master/King.

Meditating On This Truth is Heartrending
Are we not indebted to God for this very moment?
Are we not indebted to God for everything?

The Situation:

Matthew 18:17b-18

But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you **like** a heathen and a tax collector. ¹⁸ “Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

A professing Christian, a man or woman who says that they are “Followers of Jesus Christ” – But they refuse to Obey Christ by setting things right; are to be TREATED LIKE a non-Christian, a rebel.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH TODAY IS POWERLESS BECAUSE IT IS FAILING IN THIS AREA = OF HOLY LIVING

The 1st Century Church Discipline

Acts 5:9-11

Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband *are* at the door, and they will carry you out.”¹⁰ Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying *her* out, buried *her* by her husband. ¹¹ So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.

Do I forgive, like I have been forgiven?

Galatians 5:19-21 NLT

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures,²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division,²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NKJV

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Let's Pray Tonight For a Greater Revelation of God
I Want to Invite You to Come Forward Tonight

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The
Call <<<<

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