

# ALL THE PARABLES OF JESUS

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### “THE PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT”

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*Forgiveness, Restoration, Mercy, Parables, Truth,*

**Matthew 18:15-35**

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

**Jesus Begins Chapter 18 with a Profound Truth**

**Matthew 18:2**

Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup> Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

**We Looked @ The Setting:**

**Matthew 18:15-35**

“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.” **: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?” **:22** 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."

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WHAT IT MEANS TO FORGIVE AND TO BE FORGIVEN

1.) Be like Jesus and be forgiving

2.) Be like Jesus and be compassionate

3.) Be like Jesus and be patient

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**The Situation:**

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## The Word Holy or Holiness

is so misunderstood and frankly has been given a bad rap by the people of the world (because) they don't understand it.

### For example: in certain groups, they might teach

that being a holy woman is not wearing make-up or always wearing black. And for a man to be holy he must wear a holy beanie or a suit or a robe – those things cannot make us holy or right before God. – by something someone does...

### Galatians 2:16

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

### Romans 1:7a

To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called (*to be*) saints:

### Saints

#### GRK *hagios*, *hag'-ee-os*

from the greek root word *a, goß* **hagos** (an awful thing or a condemned thing) **hagios**, a sacred thing, physically, morally, spiritually. One that is declared to be blameless or ceremonially holy. That which is unholy being declared holy – a saint.

### Romans 3:23-24

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

### We can never become “holy” by human means

Or by human efforts - because we would have to have a starting point. Either starting with Adam or with some religious founder or with me.

### 1 Peter 1:15-16

but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, <sup>16</sup> because it is written, “*Be holy, for I am holy.*”

## An “Impossible” Possibility

(we cannot purify ourselves, but God washes away sin)

**Acts 13:38-39 (Paul)**

Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; <sup>39</sup> and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

The man or woman who puts their trust in Christ  
Receives, at that instant immediate justification.

Listen – our faith in what Jesus Christ has done, doesn't produce this justification eventually, but instantly. It is given (transferred, relayed, transmitted) to the soul in that moment.

Listen Church;

This is hard for us – but it is theologically true.  
You and I are positionally “perfect” before God “on the books” as those who are standing around His throne in heaven above.

**Habakkuk 2:4b**

The just shall live by his faith.

Are all those who stand before the throne of God in heaven justified right now? Yes! – and so are we, as truly and as clearly justified as they are.

## But How?

**Romans 5:8-9**

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

**Romans 8:1a**

*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,*

## **THE PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT**

### **WHAT IT MEANS TO FORGIVE AND TO BE FORGIVEN**

#### **5.) Be like Jesus and be merciful**

“So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart,

does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

But he/she sinned against me – let 'em rot  
(Who in the world do you think you are?)

**Luke 7:41-43**

“There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?” <sup>43</sup> Simon answered and said, “I suppose the *one* whom he forgave more.” And He said to him, “You have rightly judged.”

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And so we end with **The Setting** –  
What we’re all to be doing on an continuous basis

**Matthew 5:7**

Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

“The Parable is about fellowship and relationship and sadly today many professing Christians suffer from the lack of both. Having no fellowship and no relationship with God or man, they have become sterile. Sin has silenced them. They have **received** forgiveness but they have never **experienced** forgiveness.” - *Dr. Warren Wiersbe*

**This Parable is not about Eternal Life & Hell  
It’s about Christians getting along.**

**Matthew 6:14-15**

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

**Matthew 7:2-5**

For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. <sup>3</sup> And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me remove the speck from your eye"; and look, a plank *is* in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

**Luke 6:37**

"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

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

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