

## Forgiven to Forgive

7-9-17

### 3. He Did, I Won't Matthew 18:21-35

#### A. Mt 18:21-35 A Parable

1. Parable – placing one thing beside another, an example by which a doctrine or precept is illustrated; a short fictitious story that illustrates a spiritual principle
2. **v21-22** inquisitive Peter always asking questions that the Lord Jesus used to teach us
  - a. **v22** ‘seventy times seven’ not an actual number, **we are always to forgive**
3. **v23-27** **v23** we are accountable to the King for what we have done; we are His creation, His ‘subjects’; ‘kingdom of heaven’ in its government; how the Lord operates
  - a. **v24** ‘ten thousand talents’ in essence a debt no one could ever repay
    - ten thousand was the largest numerical term in the Greek language and represents an uncountable number
  - b. **v25** ‘he was not able to pay’ no human being can – we are all tainted with sin
    - ‘sold’ our debt (sin) often affects our family negatively
    - this was a Hebrew custom back then; remember this is a parable
  - c. **v26** humility; the indebted servant had the right attitude; he could never repay the King and knew it
  - d. **v27** the King knowing that His servant could not pay, had compassion – God the Father in His love and compassion sent the Lord Jesus Christ to pay the incredible debt (for our sins) **(Romans 5:8 S1)**
    - the ‘unpayable debt’ was paid by the most precious ‘commodity’ the blood of Jesus **(I Peter 1:18-19 S2)**
    - ‘released him and forgave him’ only the King could save us by His compassion of redemption through the Lord Jesus Christ
    - **forgive** – to cease resentment against an offender **(feelings and thoughts may linger)**; to pardon your enemies; to excuse a fault, offence or discourtesy

4. **v28-30** **v28** ‘found’ he was looking for this fellow servant who owed him a very little
  - a. the forgiven servant was holding on to the debt owed him, the offense
  - b. **v28** ‘took him by the throat’ they literally did this until blood came out of the nose
  - c. **v29** ‘Have patience with me....’ The fellow servant asked for mercy just as the one he owed the debt to had asked of the King
  - d. **v30** ‘he would not’ a choice he made, he could have but chose not to
    - ‘threw him in prison’ unforgiveness imprisons others (and us)
    - the devil tells us we have the right not to forgive – he does this to destroy us
    - **Ephesians 4:32** as Christians we forgive because we were forgiven; **we can forgive**, because the Lord commanded us to
5. **v31** if you know someone will not forgive another, you could ‘tell’ the Lord in prayer; read Barnes Commentary; the Lord knows without anyone telling Him
6. **v32-33** the Lord forgave us and intends for us to do the same; refusing to forgive angers God
7. **v34** ‘delivered’ surrender, give into the hands of another, yield – the Father backs off and leaves us alone when we choose not to forgive – the devil steps in ‘the torturers’
  - a. **Mark 11:23-24** our faith will not work in prayer if we do not forgive; be ready to forgive

**v25** And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop. Amp.

  - b. **(Galatians 5:6 S3)** **(Romans 5:5)** God’s love is in our hearts)
    - S L (justifiable anger); D D – unforgiveness costs you dearly
    - (Isaiah 57:20-21 S4)** there is no peace for the ‘wicked’ guilty of sin against God or man; you will never feel right by doing wrong
8. **v35** you forgive by faith; forgiveness is not a feeling, it is a choice (Bro. Hagin/minister wife)
  - a. family quick to forgive; **(Isaiah 43:25 S5)** the Lord forgives and forgets; **(Philippians 3:13-14 S6)** so must we; **(I John 1:9 S7)** if we confess our sins God is faithful to forgive

