

## **FORGIVENESS**

**Matt 5:23 - So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,<sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.**

**Psalm 55:10 - Though they patrol their walls night and day against invaders, their real problem is internal—wickedness and dishonesty are entrenched in the heart of the city.<sup>11</sup> There is murder and robbery there, and cheating in the markets and wherever you look.**

**<sup>12</sup> It was not an enemy who taunted me—then I could have borne it; I could have hidden and escaped.<sup>13</sup> But it was you, a man like myself, my companion and my friend.<sup>14</sup> What fellowship we had, what wonderful discussions as we walked together to the Temple of the Lord on holy days.**

**Luke 17:1 - Then He said to the disciples, “It is impossible that no offenses should come...**

**Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**

**Mark 11:25 And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”**

**1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**Matthew 6:15 But if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**

Matthew 18:21-22 Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

James 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Luke 6:27 “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

Colossians 3:13 Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Luke 7:44-50 Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ...

Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew 18:33-35 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Luke 23:34 And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

John 8:3 As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.

"Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?"

They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

9 When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

**This story will show you what the kingdom of heaven is like:**

**Matt 18:21 - One day a king decided to call in his officials and ask them to give an account of what they owed him. <sup>24</sup> As he was doing this, one official was brought in who owed him fifty million silver coins. <sup>25</sup> But he didn't have any money to pay what he owed. The king ordered him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all he owned, in order to pay the debt. <sup>26</sup> The official got down on his knees and began begging, "Have pity on me, and I will pay you every cent I owe!" <sup>27</sup> The king felt sorry for him and let him go free. He even told the official that he did not have to pay back the money.**

**<sup>28</sup> As the official was leaving, he happened to meet another official, who owed him a hundred silver coins. So he grabbed the man by the throat. He started choking him and said, “Pay me what you owe!”**

**<sup>29</sup> The man got down on his knees and began begging, “Have pity on me, and I will pay you back.” <sup>30</sup> But the first official refused to have pity. Instead, he went and had the other official put in jail until he could pay what he owed. <sup>31</sup> When some other officials found out what had happened, they felt sorry for the man who had been put in jail. Then they told the king what had happened. <sup>32</sup> The king called the first official back in and said, “You’re an evil man! When you begged for mercy, I said you did not have to pay back a cent. <sup>33</sup> Don’t you think you should show pity to someone else, as I did to you?” <sup>34</sup> The king was so angry that he ordered the official to be tortured until he could pay back everything he owed. <sup>35</sup> That is how my Father in heaven will treat you, if you don’t forgive each of my followers with all your heart.**