

# Forgiven to Forgive

(Matthew 18:21-35)

**Introduction:** Forgiveness. It is something we all want. It is tough to ask for and sometimes even harder to give yet, as servants of God we must learn to do both.

## I. Peter's Question

- A) How often should I forgive a brother if he sins against me?
- B) Peter offers seven as a possible answer thinking, no doubt, he was being generous.

## II. The Lord's Answer

- A) Jesus took Peter's symbolic number for completeness & multiplied it...
- B) Jesus is teaching that forgiveness should never be exhausted.

## III. The Parable: Scene One

- A) The \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 23-24).
- B) The \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 25) - The King is within His "right" to expect and exact payment.
- C) The \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 26) - Our response to the King is to seek His forgiveness.
- D) The \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 27) - The King's great compassion has been stirred and through His mercy & grace our debt has been wiped off the books (Ps. 89:14; Heb. 8:12).

## IV. The Parable: Scene Two

- A) The \_\_\_\_\_ request (vs. 28-29)
  1. We fail to note the \_\_\_\_\_ of others debt in comparison to our own.
  2. We think ourselves somehow \_\_\_\_\_ to other debtors.
- B) The \_\_\_\_\_ response (v. 30) - How quickly we forget how great a debt has been forgiven us.

## V. The Parable: Scene Three

- A) The \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 32) - Righteous indignation of the King (Ps. 7:11; 69:24; 102:10).
  1. The \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. The \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 33) (cf. Eph. 5:1-2; 4:31-32).
- B) The \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 34) (2 Peter 2:20-22).

## VI. The Overall Lesson

- A) If we expect the Lord to forgive us, our forgiveness must be from the heart (Matt. 6:12, 14-15; Mk. 11:25).
- B) Follow the biblical model:
  1. If your brother sins "rebuke him" (Lk. 17:3).
  2. Forgiveness must be \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk. 17:4).
  3. Forgive \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 4:26-27).
  4. Keep no \_\_\_\_\_ of wrongs (1 Cor. 13:5).
  5. Cover sins with \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 4:8).

*My Notes:*

