

Matthew 18

Relationships

Problems In Relationships Come Because

- Focus on self (cf. Matt. 17:23 - 18:1)
- Pride (Matt. 18:4)
- Don't Value Another (Matt. 18:10-14)
- Don't Resolve Differences (Matt. 18:15-17)
- Fail to Forgive (Matt. 18:21-35)

*Jesus Dealt
With All These*

Review

Matthew 18:1-9

Who Is The Greatest?

I. The Question (v. 1)

II. The Answer (vv. 2-4)

III. The Warning (vv. 5-9)

Review

Matthew 18:10-20

When You've Been Wronged

I. The **Attitude** That's Wrong (vv.10-14)

II. The **Action** That's Right (vv. 15-17)

III. The **Authority** That Works (vv. 18-20)

One of the hardest things to do is forgive one who has wronged you.

**When You
Have Been
Wronged**

*Approach the Offender
With the Spirit of
Wanting to Forgive*

**Times We Are
Disappointed
That We Must Forgive**

Two Things That Are Extremely Hard!

Saying

**"I Sinned
I was wrong
I am sorry"**

Forgiving

**One who
has done
you wrong**



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**“Do you have a card that stops short
of saying ‘I’m sorry’ yet vaguely hints of
some wrongdoing?”**

Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness

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."

Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness

I. The Word

Aphiemi- used in Mt. 6:12; 18:27,35

- Vine: “To send forth, send away...signifies the remission of punishment due to sinful conduct...secondly it involves complete removal of the cause of offense...” (Vol. 2, p. 122).
- Thayer: “to send away...to let go..let alone, let be...to leave, not to discuss now.” (p. 89).
- Englishmans' - p. 87 - shows it is translated:
 - “leave” - Matt. 5:24
 - “Sent away” - Matt. 13:36
 - “have omitted” - Matt. 23:23
 - “let go” - Jno. 11:44

Dictionary



**“To excuse for a fault or offense; pardon...to renounce anger or resentment against...to grant pardon without harboring resentment.”
(AHD, p. 525).**

Forget
(Heb. 8:12)

Forget

Not in memory
No recalling



Forget

Well remember
Not hold against

Wholehearted Welcome Back

(Luke 15:20-24)



- Don't treat as second class/ rate
- Don't constantly remind – done
- Don't act as if I can't get over it
- Don't use the past wrong as leverage

Forgiveness Does Not Mean There Are Not Consequences

- Prov. 13:15 – Way of the transgressor is hard
- Matt. 19:9 – Fornicator forgiven – yet still be put away or forgiven – but watched closely by mate
- Rom. 13:1-7 – Thief / Murderer forgiven – yet do time
- Prov. 6:33 – Wounds and dishonor follow

Forgiveness Does Not Mean Forgiven is Put in Positions of Leadership or Responsibility

- To do otherwise – seem to minimize consequences to sin
- Treasurer steals – wise to remove treasury from him
- Child molester – should not be put in classroom with kids
- Elder / Preacher / Teacher – commits adultery – may be removed from leadership role

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- Seven (7) – Complete (seems like a lot for same sin)
- Luke 17:3-4 – Seven times in same day!
- Not 490 times:
 - ❖ *Multiples of 7 – Completeness*
 - ❖ *Point is – by time you have forgiven that much you have learned to forgive*

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Forgiveness

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II. The Frequency

III. The Parable

(vv. 23-34)

The Parable

- **One that owned 10,000 talents**
 - Not able to pay
 - Begged for mercy
 - So he forgave him
- **One Forgiven: had one who owed 100 denarii**
 - Not able to pay
 - Begged for mercy
 - Not forgive

**List of Things
You Have Asked
For Forgiveness**

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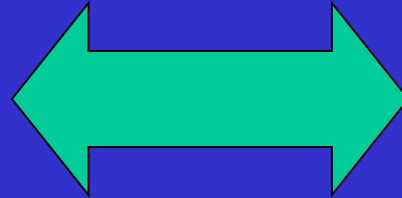
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Etc....



**List of Things
I Am Ask To
Forgive**

1

2

3

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Forgiveness

I. The Word

II. The Frequency

III. The Parable

IV. The Qualities

Qualities Essential

- Patience (v. 26)
- Compassion (vv. 27, 33)
- Sincerity – from the heart (v. 35)
- Release of the sin (v. 27)
- Faith (Luke 17:5)

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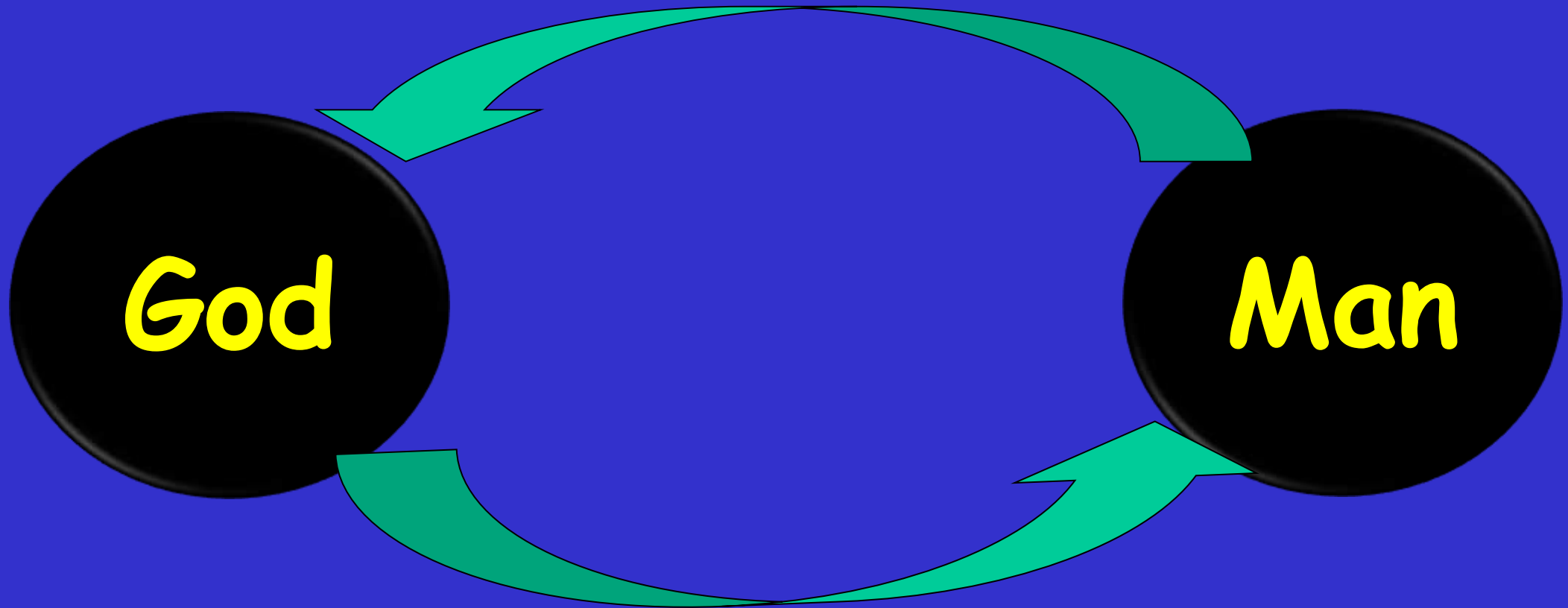
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IV. The Qualities

V. The Parallel

Man is to forgive as God does



God forgives as man does

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VI. Examples

Examples of Forgiveness

- A. Esau forgave Jacob (Gen. 33:4)
- B. Joseph forgave brothers (Gen. 45:5-15; 50:10-21)
- C. David forgave Saul (1 Sam. 24:9-22)
- D. Stephen forgave – stoned him (Acts 7:60)
- E. Jesus forgave killers (Luke 23:34)
- F. God forgave you (Eph. 1:7)

*If these could forgive
Why can't you?*

Woman & Stepfather

- Father died (girl pre-teen) – mother remarried
- Stepdad – not a Christian – mean, ugly, harsh
- Drove the girl away from her mother
- Would not allow her to see her mother
- Girl forced to live with someone else
- Later girl became a Christian & married
- Her mother died – leaving stepdad needing care
- Girl was only one who could care for him
- Brought stepdad into her house – taught gospel
- Stepdad became Christian – she forgave him
- Took care of him until he died

If she could forgive - Why can't you?

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