

70 Times Seven

21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

Till seven times? - The Jews taught that a man was to forgive another three times, but not the fourth. Peter more than doubled this, and asked whether forgiveness was to be exercised to so great an extent. Three Strikes and You're out?

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

The eternal Forgiveness of God- As long as there is a sincere apology then there will be a sincere response, Jesus then teaches this parable.

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

I don't know about you he would definitely have my attention when Jesus says you will give an account.

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

At the time of assessment it doesn't appear that this is a willful submission to be reckoned with. (escorted down to the principles office) People make jokes about partying in Hell cause that's where all my friends will be.

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

The law required that the debt be paid! Your sin has a debt and if you are attached to the sin you must pay the debt or compensation. Your debt affects your relationships (wife and children) it affects your possessions. Notice payment must be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

In light of the circumstances he realizes his helplessness and he Worships- reminds God of who he is - the strongest appeal is to the " long suffering" of God - Some how as we all initially do we believe there is something you can do to cover the debt you owe- there isn't, its totally due to the cross

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

The Lord is full of compassion- The servants worship caused God to address his debt(all that he owed) that was effecting his relationships and his possession's- Forgave him all - payment made- Jesus paid it all !

David in his loss "worshipped" encouraged himself in the Lord and God dealt with his losses – 1 Samuel 30 1-6

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

Leaving the presence of the Lord he becomes full of himself- When we live in a state of feeling we deserved forgiveness we lose site of our plight and the value of the price that was paid! \$5,900 was owed to him --\$15,104,000,000 He owed the Lord

29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

The servant does exactly what he did to be forgiven yet he sees his debt bigger than the debt he was released from though no where near in comparison.

30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

He held a grudge and wished him evil and not good. Though he was loosed from the penalty of Death.

31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

When others saw and understood what he had been forgiven he refused to forgive others and it burdened and they brought their confusion to the Lord in bewilderment and asked for answers why those who are forgiven of so much love so little.

32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

This hypocrisy make God call you for another assessment- this behavior is wicked because you did not do unto others as others did unto you.

³³ Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

As I forgave you, you should have loosed the person from the ill effects of debt and realized what you were forgiving is minimal for what I have forgiven you.

³⁴ And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

The initial debt required others and his possessions to be effected. This punishment only directly effects him. "Torment" I would conclude the relationships that had curses broken are free enough to keep the blessing upon their on revelation of forgiving others. When we forgive many are blessed and it maintained by there willingness to forgive.

³⁵ So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespass

What I did to him I Will Also Do To You If You Don't Forgive!