

THE BAIT OF SATAN

SESSION 10 – Forgiveness, You Don't Give You Don't Get

Luke 17:1 (NKJV) - Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!"

SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN

Colossians 3:12-13 (NKJV) – 12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

Matthew 18:21-22 (NKJV) – 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.

- In Luke's Gospel, Jesus said in one day

THE UNPAYABLE DEBT

Matthew 18:23-28 (NKJV) – 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!'

- 1 talent is approximately 75 pounds of gold/silver.
- Jesus correlating the king (in the parable) with God the Father.
- God the Father nailed the debt that we could never pay to the cross and wiped us clean.
- One denarii is one day of wages.

CATEGORIZED SINS (WEAKNESSES)

Proverbs 6:16 (NKJV) - These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:...

- Gossip is an abomination.
- These hinder people from coming to the Lord.

WHAT WE DESERVE

We all deserve hell, but Jesus died on the cross to forgive our

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sins.

Nothing we can imagine is worse than eternity in hell.

Matthew 18:28-35 (NKJV) – 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.”

REFUSING TO FORGIVE

A person in the church who refuses to forgive will cost his/her salvation (he/she will not inherit the Kingdom of God).

Mark 11:25 (NKJV) – 25 “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 “But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

- God is Father to the Believer, not sinners.

Matthew 6:14-15 (NKJV) – 14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

HIS LOVE FORGAVE US

Matthew 18:35 (NKJV) - “So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

- When we are born again, He has shed abroad His love in our heart, and that is the love that forgave us of the unpayable debt. We now have the ability to forgive as He forgave us.