

Prayer – Forgive us our sins

Luke 11:1-13; Matt. 18:15-35

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Introduction

The focus of Jesus' model for prayer is as follows:

1. Recognize that God is our Father
2. Recognize that our Father is in an unseen realm and sees everything
3. Recognize that our Father is Holy
4. Recognize that our Father is a King of a Kingdom
5. Recognize that our Father's will is that His will be done here on earth as it is in the unseen realm
6. Recognize that our Father is the supplier of our daily needs
7. Recognize that our Father is forgiving and we as His children are to be forgiving as well

Today we want to address two things:

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- b. We need forgiveness for sin we are aware of

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God holds you responsible for controlling these evil desires, Gen. 4:6-7; Romans 6.
- b. We need forgiveness for sin we are aware of, **Psalm 32**; 1 John 1:9
This will require humility, see **Luke 7:40-50; 18:9-14**.
 - i. Forgiveness is about restoring fellowship with another and with God.
 - ii. Forgiveness is about removing shame from another, John 13:1-20.
 - iii. Forgiveness is an act of mercy and grace motivated by love. When we forgive others, it costs us something.
 - iv. Forgiveness is given freely, **Luke 6:37**

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Forgiveness is throughout the Luke's Gospel, see Luke 1:77; 3:3; 5:20-21, 23-24; 7:47-49; 12:10; 17:3-4; 23:34; 24:47.
Luke uses the word translated forgive 8x in Luke.
 - i. Illustrated in Matt. 18:21-35; **James 2:12-13**.
- b. We should forgive others when they don't realize that they have sinned, just as our Father forgives us for sins, we aren't aware of, **1 John 1:7**

Passages on Forgiveness

OT Narrative

1. Genesis 50:17 - Joseph's brothers seeking forgiveness.
2. Exodus 32:32 - Moses interceding that God would forgive the nation of Israel.
3. Exodus 20:5-6 - God's forgiveness, cp. Ex. 34:7
4. Lev. 4-6 - God's forgiveness of unintentional sin.
5. 1 Kings 8 - Solomon's prayer, requesting that God be forgiving, cp. 1 Chron. 6
6. 1 Chron. 7:14 - God's promise to forgive the nation when they confess their sin.
7. Psalm 25:18; Psalm 32 - Personal request for forgiveness.
8. Forgiveness in the Psalms, Ps. 85:2; 86:5; 99:8; 103:3, 10.
9. Jer. 31:34 - National forgiveness of Israel.
10. Daniel's prayer for forgiveness for the nation, Dan. 9:9, 19.

Gospel Narratives

1. Forgiving others is essential if we expect to be forgiven. Matt. 6:12-15; Mark 11:25-26
2. Jesus' power to forgive sins. Matt. 9
3. How often do we forgive? Illustrated in the parable of settling accounts. Matt. 18:21-35
4. Repentance demands that we forgive others. Luke 17:3-4
5. Jesus prayed for those who crucified Him. Luke 23:34

Pauline Epistles

1. Exhorted to forgive others. 2 Cor. 2; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13
2. Forgiveness through the work of the Cross. Col. 1:14; 2:13

General Epistles

Confession will result in forgiveness. James 5:15

Johannine Epistles

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