

Matt 18:23-35 Week 56--Part 2

The Example of Forgiveness

Matt 18:23 "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. 25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. 26 "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' 27 The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. 28 "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. 29 "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' 30 "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. 32 "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' 34 In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. 35 "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

- It's not "once saved, always saved" but rather "once saved, _____."
- The Lord is, at times, strong in discipline with His errant children because that is sometimes the only way He can correct their disobedience and protect the _____ and _____ of His church.
- He tells the parable as a direct response to Peter's question about _____ a brother.
- Who is the hardest person to forgive, at times? It's _____.
- The man's _____ illustrates our state before God.
- The man's only hope is to throw himself on the _____ of the king.
- Every sin we commit is a _____ to God.
- Our standard is to judge and find _____ all those who have hurt us, or offended us.

God's Standard

- What is the moral principle in God's Kingdom? It is _____ and holiness.
- God never comes to man with a fresh _____ of Himself without awakening in man's soul a sharper sense of righteousness and mercy and love-- especially towards others.
- Then what is the job of the Holy Spirit? It is to convince and convict the world of _____ and judgment and convince the believer of his own _____.

Rev 20:12 The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life

The Man and His Doom

- Wicked: human _____.
- The wicked behavior of the unforgiving man revealed his unregenerate _____.
- The power of the sinful _____ that remains in a transformed believer must be put to death.
- The facts of what he has done should make us not only especially _____ for what was given us, but especially merciful to others.
- Responding with mercy and grace-- when appropriate-- is a mark of _____ and _____ with God.

Final thought: You can't respond in a carnal way to a carnal person and expect a _____ result.