

# FORGIVENESS

## Genesis 50:15-21 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." <sup>16</sup> So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, <sup>17</sup> 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you.'" Now, please forgive the trespass of the servants of God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup> Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. <sup>21</sup> Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

## Exodus 23:4-5 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> "If you come across your enemy's ox or donkey wandering off, be sure to take it back to him. <sup>5</sup> If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen down under its load, do not leave it there; be sure you help him with it.

## Proverbs 24:17 (KJV)

<sup>17</sup> Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:

## Proverbs 25:21-22 (KJV)

<sup>21</sup> If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: <sup>22</sup> For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

## Job 42:7-10 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> And so it was, after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "MY wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has. <sup>8</sup> Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and My servant Job shall pray for you. For I will accept him, lest I deal with you according to your folly; because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has." <sup>9</sup> So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the LORD commanded them; for the LORD had accepted Job. <sup>10</sup> And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

## Psalms 25:11 (KJV)

<sup>11</sup> For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

## Psalms 99:8 (CEV)

<sup>8</sup> Our LORD and our God, you answered their prayers and forgave their sins, but when they did wrong, you punished them.

### **Psalm 103:12 (KJV)**

<sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

### **Psalm 130:3-4 (CEV)**

<sup>3</sup> If you kept record of our sins, no one could last long. <sup>4</sup> But you forgive us, and so we will worship you.

### **Psalm 145:8-9 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. <sup>9</sup> The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

### **Proverbs 10:12 (KJV)**

<sup>12</sup> Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

### **Proverbs 19:11 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, and his glory is to overlook a transgression.

### **Isaiah 43:25 (CEV)**

<sup>25</sup> But I wipe away your sins because of who I am. And so, I will forget the wrongs you have done.

### **Isaiah 44:22-23 (KJV)**

<sup>22</sup> I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. <sup>23</sup> Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

### **Jeremiah 3:12-13 (AMP)**

<sup>12</sup> Go and proclaim these words toward the north [where the ten tribes have been taken as captives] and say, Return, faithless Israel, says the Lord, and I will not cause My countenance to fall and look in anger upon you, for I am merciful, says the Lord; I will not keep My anger forever.

<sup>13</sup> Only know, understand, and acknowledge your iniquity and guilt – that you have rebelled and transgressed against the Lord your God and have scattered your favors among strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My voice, says the Lord.

### **Joel 2:12-13 (AMP)**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore also now, says the Lord, turn and keep on coming to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning [until every hindrance is removed and the broken fellowship is restored]. <sup>13</sup> Rend your hearts and not your garments and return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in loving-kindness; and He revokes His sentence of evil [when His conditions are met].

### **Matthew 5:23-24 (NKJV)**

<sup>23</sup> Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

### **Matthew 6:14-15 (KJV)**

<sup>14</sup> For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: <sup>15</sup> But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

### **Matthew 18:21-22 (KJV)**

<sup>21</sup> Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? <sup>22</sup> Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

### **Mark 11:25 (NKJV)**

<sup>25</sup> “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

### **Luke 6:37 (NKJV)**

<sup>37</sup> “Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

### **Luke 17:3-4 (CEV)**

<sup>3</sup> So be careful what you do. Correct any followers of mine who sin, and forgive the ones who say they are sorry. <sup>4</sup> Even if one of them mistreats you seven times in one day and says, “I am sorry,” you should still forgive that person.

### **2 Corinthians 2:7-10 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. <sup>8</sup> I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. <sup>9</sup> The reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. <sup>10</sup> If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven – if there was anything to forgive – I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake.

### **James 5:15-16 (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

### Matthew 18:23-35 (KJV)

<sup>23</sup> Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. <sup>24</sup> And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. <sup>27</sup> Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. <sup>30</sup> And he would no: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. <sup>32</sup> 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: <sup>33</sup> Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? <sup>34</sup> And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. <sup>35</sup> So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

### Luke 7:39-50 (NKJV)

<sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup> And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." <sup>41</sup> "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one who he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." <sup>44</sup> Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. <sup>45</sup> You have Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to who little is forgiven, the same loves little." <sup>48</sup> Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup> And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup> The He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

### Romans 4:8 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him.

### **Colossians 3:12-13 (AMP)**

<sup>12</sup> Clothe yourselves therefore, as God's own chosen ones (His own picked representatives), [who are] purified and holy and well-beloved [by God Himself, by putting on behavior marked by] tenderhearted pity and mercy, kind feeling, a lowly opinion of yourselves, gentle ways, [and] patience [which is tireless and long-suffering, and has the power to endure whatever comes, with good temper]. <sup>13</sup> Be gentle and forbearing with one another and, if one has a difference (a grievance or complaint) against another, readily pardoning each other; even as the Lord has [freely] forgiven you, so must you also [forgive].

### **Hebrews 10:17 (CEV)**

<sup>17</sup> Then I will forget about their sins and no longer remember their evil deeds.”

### **1 Peter 4:8 (NIV)**

<sup>8</sup> Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.