

THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT:

FORGIVING AS WE'VE BEEN FORGIVEN

MATTHEW 18:21-35





PRAYER



SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 18:21-35

Observation: What is happening in these verses?

- Peter asks - *How often* shall I forgive
- Jesus replies - There is no limit

Parable: a King who forgives an impossible debt, yet the servant does not forgive a smaller debt.

Observation: What is happening in these verses?

- $7 = \text{Perfection}$
- $7 \times 7 = \text{Perfection multiplied by perfection}$
- $7 \times 7 = \infty$

To forgive like God is to always forgive.

Forgiveness like grace, love and truth is limitless.

Observation: What is happening in these verses?

1 Talent = 1 years wages

**The servant owed:
10,000 talents = 10,000 years of wages!**

**The servant was owed:
100 denari = 3 months of wages**

From the Lord's Prayer:

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us..."

Just as God forgives us we are to forgive others.

Interpretation: What can we learn (interpret) from these verses?

- **God's Forgiveness is Beyond Measure**
- **Forgiveness Reflects God's Heart**
- **Unforgiveness Leads to Bondage**

Application: How can I apply / live out these verses?

- **Reflect on God's Forgiveness**
- **Forgive as an Act of Faith**
- **Reconcile Before the New Year**



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BENEDICTION

