

Intro. Bible reflects many of our relationships with God in our relationships with man. Love for God in love for man
 1 Jn. Giving to God in giving to man, 2 Cor 8.

Forgiveness with God by forgiveness to man. Family relationship not salvation, but imp't part of Xn living and an invariable principle. Subj: Principle for forgiveness

Family Fellowship with God depends on forgiving fellowships with one another. *the family, our relation to father is affected by our relation to the other children*
 I. The Principle in Precept, Mt 5:21-26

- A. The Danger, 21-22. Law of murder. Starts with anger, raca (spit out) = fool. Then too far gone. 1 Jn 3:15. Don't start down the road. Likewise don't harbor unforgiven thing.
- B. The Duty, 23-26. In rel realm. In secular realm, 25. (1) Unforgiving one can't expect forgiveness (2) and will lead to worse things-judgment.

II. Principle in Parable, Mt 18:21-35

- A. The Inquiry, 21-22. Rabbis said forgive 3x. By saying 7 Peter that showing self very worthy. Showed pride really, and not humility. X says unlimited forgiveness is real humility.
- B. The Illus. 23-34. *12 mill oppus 10,000 talents VS 100 pence*
 \$10,000,000 vs \$25 (several 3 months wages).
- C. The Intent, *Both Bible & Jesus*
 1. Forgiving father ought to be copied by His children, 32-33
 2. Get horizontal relationships right. Unforgiving one can't expect to be forgiven, 35.
Not forgive & he did what was deserved.

III. The Principle in Picture, Jn 13:1-17

- Before discovering meaning of footwashing look at--
- A. Motive, 13:1. Bec He loved. Never begin unless this is there. Unqualified to wash unless love.
 - B. Meaning--X keeping us clean in His intercession. *then? By forgiving is sin against them in the forgiveness*
 But the precept is v 14-keep each other's relationship clean.. Forgive each other. That's what X does when He washes us and that's what we do when one another.
 - C. Method. 1. Silently. No trumpets blaring. "I'm about to wash so-and-so's feet--the so-and so".
 2. Submissively--Have to get down low. Not lord it over
 3. Sensibly--warm water, not hot
 4. Sufficiently--use towel or get mud. Complete forgiveness.

Praying

IV. The Principle in Prayer, Mt 6:12

- A. The Principle. Ask God's forgiveness on basis of forgiveness of one another.
- B. The Prerequisite. For-as we have forgiven. We forgive first then ask.

Concl.

Principle--Fellowship with God depends on fellowship with one another. Forgiveness with God on forgiving one another.

- 1. Not a matter of his seeing his wrong. If I see it and consider it a wrong then it is my duty to forgive whether he admits it or not. *Christ*
 - 2. This concerns those closest to us--not those far away. Those with whom we deal. Not forgiving the Methodists bec you think they're wrong or the independents or anybody out there. Means fellow-students. Teachers. Pastor. Ch members.
 - 3. This doesn't mean I condone or approve but it does mean I forgive genuinely so no harboring or personal feelings that result in root of bitterness. If you don't have an openness of feeling (not agreement nec) then harboring.
4. Then can come to Lord on this day of prayer and expect real evident answers bec praying in real unity.... *→ This is of immediate urgency.*

3 a. *not nec.*
4.

Sph 4:16 - evening? Mt 6:12 - is a morning prayer.

Prerequisites for effective day of prayer.

Right with God in order to answer prayer

Right with each other " " " to respond with God.

was present
Arthur
X. with copy
Muddy
WOL Am
83
IFCA's Mt Hermon B3
Disurses
George Chapel
BTJ
Maryann
Hunt
quadrant
Lancaster

WHAT TO DO ABOUT ANGER

Intro. Such a cross to bear, my temper. Can do something. Of course, some anger right, Rom 1:18, Eph. 4:26. But all other belongs to old and is put off, Col 3:8; Jas 1:19-20.

I. SEE IT for what it is, 5:21-22 It is murder.
 v. 21 to the ancients in Exod 20:13 and judges in Deut 16:18. Vb in Exod 20 used 49x in OT and means murder, esp with premeditation. Never used of enemies in battle. But starts with anger, 22. Without a cause in some mss. No anger in heart or judgment (death by sword); by lower ct No Raca (Empty-head) contempt or council (71 member Sanhed in Jerus) (death by stoning).
 No Fool-godless fellow. Gehenna, place in valley of Hinnom S Jerus where human sacrifices offered (Jer. 7:31) and where rubbish of Jerus burnt continually. Illus Lake fire. Continual anger is evidence of unsaved cond. John telescopes all these steps in 1 Jn 3:15. *2w 21:8*
 Concl: anger is (1) violation of Jesus' commandmt; (2) ^{possible} road to murder; and (3) proof of absence of new life.

II. STOP IT as quickly as you can, 5:23-26

A. By giving top priority to this, 23. Over service or worship. Don't try to balance evil with good.

1 Sam 15. Saul told to destroy Amalekites entirely. Don't adjust commandmts of God and then try to cover up with act of worship. Lk 16:15.

B. Be reconciled, 24. He's the one who has something against you. You innocent but remember. You go even tho he ought to take first step. Relationship be changed.

C. Make friends, 25. Be well-disposed. Secular illus but Applies to point. God is our judge. Relatn with Him shown by relatn with brother.

Concl. Eph. 4:26. Evening prayer concern. Then can pray Mt 6:12 "as we have forgiven". Must be right with God to have answered prayer, and must be right with men to be right with God. Prob greatest weakness of Xns so as to be subject to Satan's attacks.

11. The first of these is the fact that the...
of course, some regard it as a...
should be... 11-22

12. The second of these is the fact that the...
of course, some regard it as a...
should be... 11-22

13. The third of these is the fact that the...
of course, some regard it as a...
should be... 11-22

14. The fourth of these is the fact that the...
of course, some regard it as a...
should be... 11-22

15. The fifth of these is the fact that the...
of course, some regard it as a...
should be... 11-22

16. The sixth of these is the fact that the...
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should be... 11-22

17. The seventh of these is the fact that the...
of course, some regard it as a...
should be... 11-22

18. The eighth of these is the fact that the...
of course, some regard it as a...
should be... 11-22

19. The ninth of these is the fact that the...
of course, some regard it as a...
should be... 11-22

20. The tenth of these is the fact that the...
of course, some regard it as a...
should be... 11-22

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WHAT JESUS BELIEVED ABOUT FORGIVENESS

I. He Has the Power To Do It

- A. As predicted by Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, Luke 1:77.
- B. As proved by Christ's healing the paralytic, Mark 2:10.
- C. As performed for the woman in Simon's house, Luke 7:48.

II. He Paid the Price To Do It

- A. His prediction of it, Matt. 20:28
- B. His payment of it, John 19:30--"paid in full."

III. He Commands Us To Do It To One Another

- A. The danger of not doing it, Matt. 5:21-26
- B. The frequency of doing it, Matt. 18:21-35; Luke 17:3-4. 12,000,000 ounces vs. 100 days' wages.
- C. The importance of doing it for our family relationships, Matt. 6:12-15.
- D. The Importance of doing for our prayers, Mark 11:24-25.

IV. He Commands Us To Proclaim Forgiveness To All, Luke 24:47

Some questions

1. What does it mean that God remembers sin no more (Jer. 31:34--see Luke 23:42)?
2. Must we forget a wrong in order to forgive the one who wronged us?
3. Does forgiveness of sin erase the consequences of sin?

Matt. 6:12: "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."