



**KINGDOM
COME**

²¹ Then Peter came up & said to Him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, & I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

Matthew 18:21-22

- **The Rabbinic Rule:** Jewish tradition & what was taught by the rabbis - Forgiving Someone Three Times for the Same Offense Was Enough.
- **The Number Seven:** Jewish Tradition, 7 Represents Completeness or Perfection– Maybe Peter Thought This Was the Absolute Limit of Grace.
- **The New Standard:** 70×7 = Limitless or Endless
 - Jesus Corrects Peter By Saying, "Not Seven Times, But Seventy-seven Times"
- **Endless Forgiveness:** Jesus Does Not Mean A Literal 490 Times. It Symbolize Infinite, Limitless Forgiveness

- **Lamech (Great-Great-Great Grandson of Cain)**
 - **Murdered a Man for Striking Him – Claims Revenge**
 - *“If Cain's revenge is sevenfold, then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold.” – Genesis 4:24*
 - **NO humility before God – He Upholds Cain's Actions**
- *Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.” – Matthew 18:22*
 - **Redefines the Concept of “Sevenfold” From One of Vengeance to One of Limitless Forgiveness.**

Who Are You Keeping A Record Of?
Forgive Who You are Mentally Putting on Trial

23 “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.

24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife & children & all that he had, & payment to be made.

26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, & I will pay you everything.’

27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him & forgave him the debt. [Matthew 18:23-27](#)

The Servant Owes a Debt He Could Never Repay

— Matthew 18:23–27

- **His Debt was Impossible (10,000 Talents)**
 - One Talent = 6,000 Denarii (Denarii = One Day of Labor)
 - Modern Value: Around \$9,000,000,000 (Billion)
 - Time to Earn: Approximately 200,000 Years of Labor
- **Didn't Negotiate Payment – The Debt Was Forgiven**
 - The King Doesn't Give Him More Time
 - The King Doesn't Reduce the Debt
 - The King has Compassion & Cancels it

Remember the Debt You've Been Forgiven

“So whoever knows the right thing to do & fails to do it, for him it is sin.” – James 4:17

*“For all have sinned & fall short of the glory of God,”
– Romans 3:23*

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” – Romans 6:23

“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” - Romans 5:8

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” - Ephesians 2:8-9

28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, & seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'

29 So his fellow servant fell down & pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, & I will pay you.'

30 He refused & went & put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, & they went & reported to their master all that had taken place.

Matthew 18:23-27

32 Then his master summoned him & said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'

34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.

35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Matthew 18:23-27

The Servant Received Mercy – but NOT Changed

— Matthew 18:28-35

- **Other Servant's Debt was "Payable" (100 Denarii)**
 - **One Denarii = One Day of Labor**
 - **Modern Value: Around \$15,000**
 - **Time to Earn: Approximately 3-4 Months**
- **Didn't Negotiate Payment – Sought "Justice" for Debt**
 - **It Wasn't That He Hadn't Been Forgiven**
 - **It Was That Forgiveness Hadn't Transformed Him**
 - **Wanted Grace for Himself & Justice for Everyone Else**

Remember to Forgive Like You're Forgiven

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just & will forgive us our sins & purify us from all unrighteousness.” – 1 John 1:9

“Let all bitterness & wrath & anger & clamor & slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” – Ephesians 4:31-32

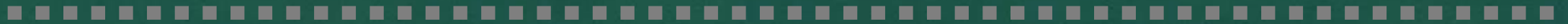
“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, & a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.” – 1 Peter 3:8-9

God Has Shown Me Compassion →

So I Will Show Compassion

God Has Forgiven Me → So I Will Forgive

God Changed My Heart → So I Will Live Changed



Who Am I Withholding Compassion From?

Who Am I Struggling to Forgive?

Where Am I Demanding From Someone Else

What I Have Been Forgiven of by God?