

The Prisoners



Long ago, a very clever king wanted to know more about his people so that he could rule better.



One day, he decided to meet some prisoners to find out more about them. He wanted to know how many felt sorry for their crimes and could be forgiven. The king went into the prison to meet his worst prisoners. There were four of them and were in jail for very horrible crimes.



The four prisoners were brought out in front of the king. The king asked the first one why he was in prison. This prisoner bend down and said,

"Oh king, I am innocent.
I have not done anything."



The king nodded and asked the second prisoner why he was in jail,

"I am such an innocent man.
I can not even scold anyone!"

said the second prisoner.



The king once again nodded and went ahead to the third prisoner, who was already groveling,

"Oh, king, look at me,"

he cried,

"I am such an innocent man."



The king nodded and went to the fourth man. This man was quiet and went on his knees and softly said,

"I was a bad man. I have hurt people. Please, punish me and never let me go!"



The king clapped his hands with joy.

"This man can be set free! He feels sorry for what he has done."

Then he looked at the man and said,

"You are free! Go and serve the same people you have hurt."



We should realize
our mistakes.

