

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

Psa 103:3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases;

Psa 103:4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Psa 103:5 Who satisfieth thy desire with good things, *So that* thy youth is renewed like the eagle.

Psa 103:10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins, Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.

Psa 103:11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is his lovingkindness toward them that fear him.

Psa 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Psa 103:13 Like as a father pitieth his children, So Jehovah pitieth them that fear him.

a. The Three Times That God Wrote:

1. Commandments on Tablets of Stone: **Law**
2. On the Wall of Bellshazzar's drunken party: **Judgment**
3. On the Ground of a Woman Caught in adultery: **Grace**

Psa 85:9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, That glory may dwell in our land.

Psa 85:10 Mercy and truth are met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

a. Law could only Condemn but Grace and truth met together

Joh 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Tit 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

1. **The Story of Redemption began in the Garden of Eden.**
God clothes Adam and Eve in a covering from an animal which gives his blood for a covering.
2. **Blood flows throughout the Bible and is connected God's great plan of Redemption.**
3. **The Blood ends its redemptive flow in the Book of Revelation.**

Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Rev 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

4. **It took Blood for Israel's deliverance out of Egypt:** It took the blood of a lamb sprinkled upon the door posts of the Israelites' homes to be sheltered from the death angel.

- a. **The Book of Exodus**: there is a twofold division in the Book of Exodus. Chapters one through eighteen are Books of Redemption.
- b. **Chapters nineteen through forty are Books of Relationship**.
- c. **The First Passover**: Was an eventful night and turning point in Israel's History; It was Israel's Fourth of July, or Independence Day, which was to forever re-remind them of their deliverance. A national birthday, representing as it were the birth of a nation.
- d. **A Lamb for every house**: The lamb must be perfect without blemish. (Jesus a type as the spotless Lamb).
- e. **Blood was to be sprinkled over the doorposts and the side posts**, never on the threshold: (there must be no trampling of the blood).

Heb 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Lev 17:11 For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the blood *that* maketh an atonement for the soul.

CALVARY

1. **Calvary**: Is the very pivot point of all World History. All prior things pointing forward to it and all things after Calvary point back to it.
2. **To get Pentecost you must pass Calvary**. We often get in a hurry to get to Pentecost. We often fail to really realize what Calvary really means.

3. **It was there that God proved His great love for the world.**

1Jo 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of *God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

4. **At the Cross, Jesus taught a great Lesson:** It was an object lesson, it wasn't taught as a discourse. There is no introduction, explanation, or conclusion set forth. But his response to an unreasonable, vehement hatred makes us all stand in awe, think and hopefully learn.

Luk 23:34 Then said Jesus, **Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.** And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

5. **Calvary was the summit of the world's highest hopes** and the place of the world's deepest sorrows. Where our God in bloody garments robed, and courted and won our love. The sweetest story of our God is Calvary.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

WHEN JESUS FORGAVE

1. There was a tremendous release of power that penetrated the universe, and funneled down to earth.
2. All the sins of all ages prior to Calvary to this present day, were forgiven when His blood was shed on Calvary.
3. The Devil cannot work in the presence of forgiveness. When Jesus said "FATHER FORGIVE THEM" Hell was bound the Vail of the Temple was rent in twain. And mercy came dancing out from the mercy seat and danced it's way down the streets of Jerusalem, touched the thief on the cross, reached down and took a centurion by the hand. And continued its dance down to the graveyard and kicked over some tombstones. And some Old Testament saints enjoyed a mini rapture and appeared in Jerusalem. And mercy dove down into Hell and took the Keys of death and hell.

Rev 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

THAT IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN JESUS RELEASED THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

4. When people forgive one another, the power of God is released. When individuals and churches forgive one another they all experience revival, when forgiveness is present, principalities and powers and hell are neutralized. The Devil has to back up without a word, problems are solved and revival begins to break forth.
5. **Forgiveness touches three Worlds:** The Past; The Present; And the Future.
6. **When Jesus forgave,** flesh was affected, angels, hell demons, the devil was bound and sinners were set free.
7. **Forgiveness is the Spirit of Revival:** Ethiopia is having revival during persecution. They must learn to live in a spirit of forgiveness.

JESUS TAUGHT US TO FORGIVE OUR DEBTS

1. Jesus taught us to forgive our Debts, as we forgive our Debtors.
2. A debt is something that is legally owed. Maybe someone legally owes you an apology (a debt) but won't pay it. FORGIVE THEM ANYHOW?
3. Sometimes you have to settle for 50 cents on a dollar. You're only responsible for your half.
4. At the moment of forgiveness Jesus spoiled all principalities and powers, he made a she of them openly, triumphing over them in it (Col 2:15).

5. Colossians 2:14: Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;
6. The Devil lives in darkness and darkness has no power over light. He tries to get darkness in you, but light has power and energy over His darkness.
7. He tries to get a residence into your heart, through resentments, bitterness and unforgiveness.
8. The bible tells us that we are seated far above principalities and powers in heavenly places. I am positioned far above principalities and Satan's powers when I forgive.
9. Forgiveness shattered the boundaries of Hell, it tore Hell up. Forgiveness will tear up hell's playground.

Why some people are bound and never make spiritual progress is that they are harboring small pockets of resentments and unforgiveness in their spirit.

To unpardonable sins are blasphemy against the Holy Ghost and the Sin of Unforgiveness

You never have to work on having a bad spirit, but you do have to work on having a good spirit.

2Co 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

