



On Earth as it is in Heaven: A Biblical Study of the Lord's Prayer

Week 4: Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Key Texts:

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

Part 1 - Forgive us our debts

Luke 15:11-24; Luke 18:10-14; Exodus 34:1-7

Part 1 Group Questions

- What do these passages reveal to us about God's forgiveness?
- What makes it difficult for us to receive God's forgiveness for ourselves?
- What are some instances where we might need to show mercy and forgiveness to ourselves?*

Part 2 - As we also have forgiven our debtors

Matthew 18:23-35; Colossians 3:12-17; Deuteronomy 15:1-2, 12-15

Part 2 Group Questions:

- What might these passages teach us about how and why we are to forgive others?
- What makes it difficult for us to forgive others?
- Where might you be sensing the need to grow in your ability to extend forgiveness to another?*

** I encourage you to reflect on these questions personally, but not necessarily share your thoughts with the group if you are not comfortable doing so.*

Matthew 6: 9-13

- ⁹ "Pray, then, in this way:
Our Father in heaven,
may your name be revered as holy.
- ¹⁰ May your kingdom come.
May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
- ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.
- ¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- ¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

Psalm 103:8-13

The LORD is merciful and gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse,*
nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins*
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,*
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,*
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,*
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

For he knows how we were made;*
he remembers that we are dust.