

**V21 AFTER JESUS TEACHING ON DISCIPLINE IN THE CHURCH** PETER COMES TO JESUS AND ASK HIM A QUESTION LORD HOW OFTEN SHALL MY BROTHER SIN AGAINST ME AND I FORGIVE HIM UP TO SEVEN TIMES

**V22 JESUS SAID TO HIM** I DO NOT SAY TO YOU UP TO SEVEN TIMES BUT UP TO SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN THE LORD IS NOT EXTENDING THE LEGAL LIMIT OF FORGIVENESS HE IS NOT SPEAKING OF LAW OR LIMITS AT ALL HE SIMPLY PICKED UP ON PETERS NUMBER AS IS SAYING RECORD KEEPING IS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED

**WE ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW BUT UNDER GRACE** AND WHERE SIN ABOUNDS GRACE MUCH MORE ABOUNDS **ROM 5:20** AS CHRISTIANS WE ARE TO FORGIVE AS WE HAVE BEEN IT IS A PART OF THE NEW NATURE WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

**THE FAITHFUL GODLY CHRISTIAN WILL NEVER ALLOW HIS OWN FORGIVENESS** TO BE SURPASSED BY A BROTHERS SIN

**EPH 4:32 PAUL PUT IT LIKE THIS** BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER TENDER HEARTED FORGIVING EACH OTHER JUST AS GOD IN CHRIST HAS ALSO FORGIVEN YOU

**V23 THEN JESUS TEACHES THEM ABOUT FORGIVENESS THROUGH A PARABLE** JESUS SAYS FOR THIS REASON THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN MAY BE COMPARED TO A KING WHO WISHED TO SETTLE HIS ACCOUNTS WITH HIS SLAVES

**THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS MADE UP OF ONLY BELIEVERS** IT IS A DIRECT RESPONSE TO PETER'S QUESTION PETER'S QUESTION REFERRED TO HIS BROTHER A FELLOW BELIEVER

**MUCH OF THE LORD'S TEACHING ON THE KINGDOM IS GIVEN IN PARABLES** IN THIS PARABLE THE LORD PRESENTS THE ATTITUDE OF GOD THE CERTAIN KING CONCERNING FORGIVENESS OF AND BY HIS SUBJECTS THE CHILDREN OF HIS KINGDOM

**V24 THE KING HAS SET A TIME TO SETTLE HIS ACCOUNTS** AND WHEN HE HAD BEGUN TO SETTLE THEM ONE WHO OWED HIM TEN THOUSAND TALENTS WAS BROUGHT TO HIM REPRESENTING A LIMITLESS AMOUNT OF MONEY THE DEBT OF HIS SIN WHICH HE AND WE CANNOT PAY FOR

**V25 HE DID NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO REPAY** SO HIS LORD COMMANDED HIM TO BE SOLD ALONG WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AND ALL THAT HE HAD AND REPAYMENT TO BE MADE

**V26 SO THE SLAVE FELL ON THE GROUND AND PROSTRATED HIMSELF BEFORE HIM** SAYING HAVE PATIENCE WITH ME AND I WILL REPAY YOU EVERY THING HE WAS **COMPLETELY DEPENDENT ON THE KINGS MERCY TOWARD HIM**

**V27-28 AND THE LORD OF THAT SLAVE FELT COMPASSION** AND RELEASED HIM AND FORGAVE HIM THE DEBT BUT THE SLAVE WENT OUT AND FOUND ONE OF HIS FELLOW SLAVES WHO OWED HIM A HUNDRED DENARII A SMALL DEBT COMPARED TO THE ONE HE OWED AND HE SEIZES HIM AND BEGAN TO CHOKE HIM

**V29-30 SO HIS FELLOW SLAVE FELL ON THE GROUND AND BEGAN TO PLEAD WITH HIM** SAYING HAVE PATIENCE WITH ME AND I WILL REPAY YOU BUT HE WAS UNWILLING AND THREW HIM IN PRISON UNTIL HE SHOULD PAY BACK WHAT WAS OWED

**V31-33 WHEN HIS FELLOW SLAVES SAW WHAT HAPPENED** THEY WERE GRIEVED AND REPORTED TO THEIR LORD ALL THAT HAD HAPPENED AND THE LORD SAID TO HIM I FORGAVE YOU ALL THAT DEBT BECAUSE YOU PLEADED WITH ME SHOULD YOU NOT HAVE HAD MERCY ON YOUR FELLOW SLAVE WHEN HE PLEADED WITH YOU

**V34-35 HIS LORD MOVED WITH ANGER HANDED HIM OVER TO THE TORTURERS** UNTIL HE SHOULD REPAY ALL THAT WAS OWED HIM

THEN JESUS SAYS MY HEAVENLY FATHER WILL ALSO DO THE SAME TO YOU IF EACH OF YOU DOES NOT FORGIVE HIS BROTHER FROM THE HEART AN UNFORGIVING HEART REVEALS THAT THERE IS NO SALVATION