

Prayer to Forgive

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive yours”. - Matthew 6:14-15

“... In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”” - Matthew 18:34-35

In this Kingdom of the Messiah, we have to forgive even the “unforgivable”. Unforgiveness is not tolerated, because forgiveness is the basis of our reconciliation to God, the very tenet by which can today say, “Abba, Father”.

Although we can justify harbouring unforgiveness towards certain people in our hearts, to God, it is unjustifiable. That is because He walked the walk and shed His blood for sinful man. Even on the Cross, after being abused and having taken upon Himself the sin of the entire human race (separated from God), Jesus still cried out for mercy on our behalf, saying, “Father, forgive them”. What a God!

From this account we can see that forgiveness is divine, because it is not given to mere mortals to forgive in the face of an offence. But you are not ordinary mortal, you are a child of God, an heir of God, and you are created in His image. You, yes you, are just like Him.

The Father has even shed His love abroad in your heart, and this is the basis upon which He expects you to forgive. As He does.

Prayer: “Father, I thank you for forgiving me. Thank you that You unreservedly forgave me, even when I was yet far from You. Despite my many transgressions against You, You still welcome and embrace me. Spirit of the Living God, empower me to do the same towards those who have harmed and offended me. Give me the supernatural empowerment to be like You, and forgive, without recollection or resisting Your love.

Lord Jesus, activate the love of God that has been shed abroad in my heart. I draw the capacity to forgive and to love my offenders from the wells of salvation, supernaturally. I yield to Your Word, Lord. I submit myself to Your authority and Lordship. I thank You for enabling me, in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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