

Teach Us To Pray

Message 8: Pray For Forgiveness

I. Review: Jesus' Teaching On Prayer – Matthew 6:9-11

- A. Prayer begins with worship: Verse 9
- B. Prayer is Kingdom focused: Verse 10a
- C. Prayer is Kingdom directed: Verse 10b
- D. Pray For Daily Provision and Revelation: Verse 11

II. The Prayer For “Daily Forgiveness”

A. The Meaning of Forgiveness:

1. Forgive: to _____ forth, away.
Psalms 103:8-14; Colossians 2:13-14
2. Debts/Debtors: metaphorically speaks of sin.
Luke 11:4

B. The Blessing And Need For Forgiveness:

1. The Blessing: Ps 32:1-2, Isaiah 1:1-20; I John 1:8-9
2. The Need: Psalms 32:3-5
3. If Neglected: Romans 1:18-32

C. The Proof Of Forgiveness:

1. Forgiven, we are called to **forgive others**:
Ephesians 4:26-32; Matthew 18:21-22
2. Forgiving others is the _____ that we are the children of God and have been forgiven by Him:
I John 2:9-11; Mark 11:25-26; Matthew 18:21-35

D. The Problem Of Unforgiveness And The Believer: (Over)

1. With the believer, the slip back into a heart condition of sin (unforgiveness) brings increased misery and pain as the battle between the flesh and the spirit rages on: I Peter 2:20-22; Galatians 5:16-17
2. How can a believer find deliverance from the stronghold of unforgiveness in their lives, being set free from the bitterness, hurt, and anger that now controls their lives? Jesus very clearly gives us the steps to freedom. To the natural mind they seem mere foolishness. But to the spirit filled believer, when acted upon in faith, they are the doorway to freedom and cleansing!
 - a. _____ You Sin: I John 1:8
 - b. _____ God's Love
(Forgiveness): I John 1:9
 - c. _____ to God's Love:
“But I say to you, love your enemies...”
Matthew 5:44a; II Corinthians 5:14-15
 - d. _____ For The Person Who Hurt You:
“...pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you...” **Matthew 5:44c**; II Peter 3:9;
Psalms 32:3-5
 - e. _____ The Person Who Hurt You:
“...bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you...” **Matthew 5:44b**
 - f. Leave The _____ Up To God:
“...that you may be the sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.” **Matthew 5:45**; Matthew 5:19-21