



FORGIVE & FORGIVEN

Matthew 6:14

INTRODUCTION



- ◉ **Forgiveness is an important theme**
- ◉ **Forgiveness occurs in all 5 books of the Torah!**
- ◉ **To err is human, to forgive is divine—reason for this dictum**
- ◉ **Matthew & Luke together have over 1/3 of NT references to forgiveness (28 of 58).**

INTRODUCTION



- ◉ **Biblical teaching on forgiveness is crucial and basic to our spiritual life and journey**
- ◉ **Sermon on the Mount texts (6:12, 14, 15) set the stage**

MEANING OF SIN



- ◉ Definition of the word—opheilēmata—debt
- ◉ Use in Old Testament—Deuteronomy 24:10
- ◉ Use in New Testament—
 - ◉ Romans 4:4
 - ◉ Matthew 18:21-35 (principles later)
- ◉ Why important in Matthew's community?
- ◉ Why is this important for us today?



MEANING OF FORGIVE

- ◉ To let go, to cancel, to remit, to remove the guilt resulting from wrongdoing



USE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

(in the Psalms)

- ◉ Psalm 25:18
- ◉ Consider my affliction and my trouble, and **forgive** all my sins.

- ◉ Psalm 32:1
- ◉ [*Blessed Are the **Forgiven***] [*A Maskil of David.*] Blessed is the one whose transgression is **forgiven**, whose sin is covered.



USE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- Psalm 103:3
- who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- Psalm 130:4
- But with you there
is forgiveness, that you may be
feared.



USE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- ◎ 1 John 1:9--If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness
- ◎ 1 John 2:12--I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake

USE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT



James 5:15--And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

WHY IMPORTANT IN MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY OF FAITH?

- ◉ Forgiveness toward family and others perpetrating persecution in all its various forms.
- ◉ Constant forgiveness toward family members.
- ◉ Forgiveness toward those who were bad business dealers.
- ◉ Condition of the heart





- ◎ Why is this important for us today? Same reasons!
- ◎ Note: petition for God to forgive is based on the fact that we HAVE already forgiven someone else!

WHAT DOES IT



MEAN TO SIN

AGAINST SOMEONE?

◉ **Luke 7: A Sinful Woman Forgiven**

- ◉ **What principles of relationships are at stake here?**
- ◉ **How does this get at the heart of covenant?**

12 PRACTICAL STEPS TO FORGIVENESS

- ***Recognize***
- ***Remember***
- ***Renounce***
- ***Recommit***
- ***Remove***
- ***Review***



12 PRACTICAL STEPS TO FORGIVENESS

- ***Resign***
- ***Rejoice***
- ***Restudy***
- ***Reconstruct***
- ***Repossess***
- ***Reach***

