

KINGDOM OF GOD

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERRMON NOTES

Daniel 7:13-14

I. Forgiveness and the Kingdom of God (Matthew 18:21-35)

A. Man's Attitude re: Forgiveness, (vs. 31-33)

1. Peter's Puzzle

- a. (v. 21), *"Then Peter came and said, 'How often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him?"*

Matthew 6:12

John 11:44

1 John 1:9

- b. Jesus shows a different attitude, (v. 22), *"Jesus said, 'I do not say to you, up to 7x, but up to 70 x 7."*

1Corinthians13:5

B. God's Attitude re: Forgiveness, (vs. 23-27) This is where Jesus tells a story . . .

1. Jesus tells us God is like a king who justly, lovingly & compassionately settles accounts with His servants

- a. (vs. 23-24), *"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a certain king...."*

Matthew 18:25

- b. This would bankrupt us (that's what sin does, it bankrupts).

Romans 6:23a

Titus 3:5a

1 Samuel 15:22

2. But like so many people today, his debt did not trouble him until he was face to face with the king.

Matthew 18:26-27

C. Man's Attitude re: Unforgiveness, (vs. 28-31)

1. How this forgiven servant now responds to one who owed him money...
 - a. (vs. 28-30), *"But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him 100 denarii..."*

 - b. His fellow-servants, however, were grieved over how one of their own was being mistreated!
 - 1) (v. 31), *"So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and...."*

D. A Great Day of Accounting is Coming! (vs. 32-35)

1. (vs. 32-34), *"Then summoning him, the Lord said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all. . . .'"*
 - a. Every one of us has an appointment before God which we will keep – like it or not!.

Hebrews 9:27

2 Corinthians 5:10

Matthew 7:2

James 2:13

CONCLUSION:

1. "Forgiveness" is no small thing! Jesus had to die on a cross for us in order for us to receive God's forgiveness!
 - a. So if we are to practice true forgiveness, it must come from our heart!

Meadow's Members:

1 Peter 1:22-23

Guests:

John 3:5

1 Peter 3:21

Mark 16:16