

You Can't Get To Heaven With Hate In Your Heart

Posts of Weekly Thoughts Are Intended To Motivate You To Read And Think About The Holy Bible.

Before you can go to Heaven after your death, you must forgive those who have trespassed against you during your life. God tells us that every time we pray the Lord's Prayer. *But how many of us have actually forgiven those who have in some way, physically, mentally or emotionally, hurt us?*

How many of us tell God we forgive them? How many of us Pray for them? Or do we still harbor hate in our hearts? And do we still hope that God will give each of them "what they deserve"?

One of the most important Bible passages about forgiveness can be found in **Matthew 18: 21-35**. This is where Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive someone and Jesus replies 70 times 7 (*some Bible translations list this as 77 times*) and relates the Parable of servant who owed a sum that was impossible to repay, but was forgiven his debts by his master. In the eyes of God, even those who have lived what we consider to be the most devout life, we owe Him more debt for our transgressions and trespasses than we can repay. But God in his mercy will forgive us all.

Like the debtor servant all we need do is ask. But unlike the servant we must also forgive others.

Also consider the Parable of the Daily Wage in **Matthew 20: 1-16**. Here the master pays his vineyard workers the same whether they had worked the full day or just the last hour. Consider people who have lived a full life of devout Christianity and those who strayed early in life, made abundant mistakes, and have only "come home" to God in the final hours of their lives. Indeed are we not all fortunate that God rewards us based on His Mercy and not what we "really deserve"?

As God extends His Mercy to us, we must extend it to others. We must not only pray for those we forgive that have trespassed against us, but for all those in need as well. Here is a Prayer for you.

Prayer For The Wisdom To Help Others

So many need so much. How can I help? My funds are few and my time is taken with providing for my family and loved ones. The magnitude of the suffering is so far beyond the capability of my meager resources that I do not see how I can make a difference. I am willing to sacrifice, but the greatest of my sacrifices seems so small as to be trivial in the face of the needs of so many. Lord, how shall I help them? Send the Holy Spirit to inspire me with the ways in which I can make a difference. Show me how to live more frugally that I may have more to give, Bless me with success in my work that I may have a larger bounty to share. Let my Faith shine forth that I may be a model for others to follow. Inspire me with the courage to not be discouraged and to understand that it matters not how much I can give as long as I give as much as I can. Lord God, please help me help those in need and forgive those that have trespassed again me. Amen.

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