



## Forgive Us Our Debts

Lesson 11 • Matthew 6:12, 14-15

### Connections Between the Last Three Petitions

- The last 3 heart cries are all **DIRECTLY** connected.

*Our Heavenly Father encourages us to ask Him for provision **AND** pardon **AND** protection.*

*The Father feeds the needs of His children with **DAILY** bread, **DAILY** forgiveness, and **DAILY** protection.*

- The greatest “give us” is “**FORGIVE** us”!

*“Daily bread may satisfy the appetite, but forgiveness of sin satisfies the conscience...Daily bread may make us live comfortably, but forgiveness of sins will make us die comfortably.” –Thomas Watson*

- The 5th petition has two-parts: **RECEIVE** forgiveness from God and **GIVE** forgiveness to others.

*Forgiven people are forgiving people. (6:14-15)*

### Our Heart Cry for Daily Forgiveness Flows from...

#### 1. Our Problem: *The Sin Debt We **OWE** to God!* “our debts”

Three Words for Sin the Lord’s Prayer

“debts” (6:12), “trespasses” (6:14-15), “sins” (Luke 11:4)

- Sin puts us in **DEBT** to God. *Matthew 18:23-35*
- Our sins create a debt we owe God but can never **PAY**. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*

#### 2. The Father’s Provision: *His Son **PAID** Our Debt in Full!*

- Christ paid our debt **FOR US!** *2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 4:25*
- Christ paid our debt **ON THE CROSS!** *Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 2:13-15; Mathew 26:28*
- Christ paid our debt **IN FULL!** *John 19:30; 1John 2:2; Romans 6:10; Acts 20:28; 1Corinthians 6:19-20*

#### 3. Our Pardon: *The **RELATIONSHIP** of Eternal Forgiveness!* “Our Father”

- Forgiveness is the gift of being **RELEASED** from the debt of sin we cannot pay. *Matthew 18:27*

- Forgiveness must be **REQUESTED** by the debtor. *Matthew 18:26, 32*
- Forgiveness is then **RECEIVED** by the debtor! *Matthew 18:32*

## 4. Our Prayer: **The FELLOWSHIP of Daily Forgiveness!**

*"and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors"*

### 3 Kinds of Forgiveness

- **ETERNAL** forgiveness which a **sinner seeks ONCE** in order to **enter** into a **relationship** with the Father.  
*Ephesians 1:7; 1 John 2:12*
- **PARENTAL** forgiveness which a **son seeks DAILY** in order to **enjoy** the **fellowship** of the Father.  
*Matthew 6:12; 1 John 1:9-2:2*

### 3 Conditions for Receiving "Parental Forgiveness" on a Daily Basis:

1. Be in the **FAMILY**.
  2. Be **FORGIVEN**.
  3. Be **FORGIVING**.
- **FRATERNAL** forgiveness which a **brother or sister shares FREELY** in order to **enjoy** the **fellowship** of **both** the family **and** the Father. *Matthew 6:12b, 14-15*

### **What If We Don't Pray for Daily Forgiveness and Aren't Forgiving of Others?**

Our **salvation** is **SECURE** in Christ our **fellowship** is **BROKEN** with the Father and our **lives** will be **CHASTISED** by the Father.

### **A Son Is a Son, Even When He Is Sinning.**

BUT *true children want to and will be restored to fellowship with their Father.*

### **A Son Is a Son, Even When He Is Unforgiving.**

BUT *true children want to and will seek to be restored to fellowship with their brothers and sisters in Christ.*

## **The Church's Picture: The Lord's Prayer in the Lord's Supper!**

*The Father's daily provision and daily pardon are both pictured for us and offered to us.*

### **Forgiveness Is a Total Package**

If we have received the **eternal forgiveness** from God the Father, then we will daily ask for **paternal forgiveness** through God the Son and will be ready to give **fraternal forgiveness** to those who sin against us by God the Spirit of God!

## **How Is Your Heart Cry for Daily Forgiveness?**

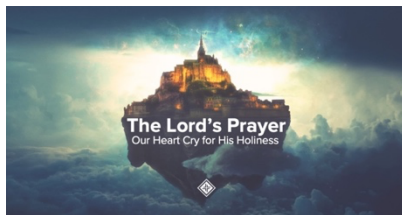
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***My Heart Cry for  
Our Daily Forgiveness!***

## Lesson 11

*"Forgive us our debts as we also  
forgive our debtors." Matthew 6:12*

## Do I Forgive Others Like My Heavenly Father Forgives Me?

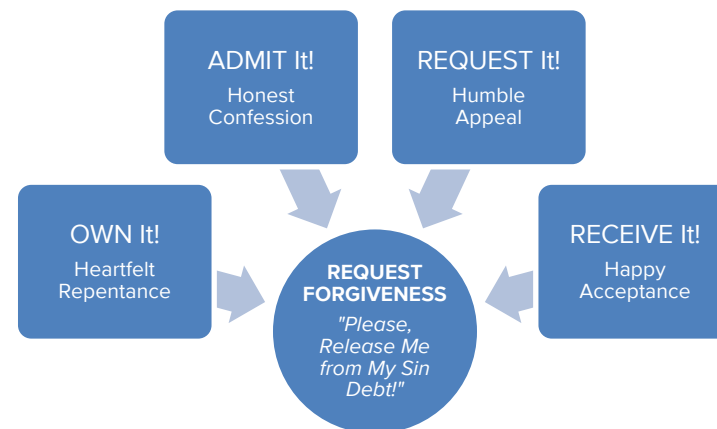
We are forgiven by our Father to be forgiving toward one another.

**Write your own personal heart cry to the Father in response to what you have learned about asking for daily forgiveness.**

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**Take what you wrote and pray it back to your heavenly Father.**

**Pray “Forgive Us Our Debts as We Also Forgive Our Debtors.”**



- 1. Praise your heavenly Father for your *eternal forgiveness*.**

My prayer \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Repent of not being as forgiving toward others like Your Father has forgiven you.**

My prayer \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Ask for your daily as-often-as-you-need-it *parental forgiveness* through Christ who paid your sin debt.**

My prayer \_\_\_\_\_

- 4. Yield yourself to take next steps to release those who have sinned against with the Spirit's help.**

*My prayer* \_\_\_\_\_

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