

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Matthew 18:21-35

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Parable - “surprising stories and word pictures drawn from the familiar, that powerfully reveal to us the unfamiliar.” -Albert Mohler

1. An Important Question
2. A Comparison Parable
3. Application Points

- We owe God a debt that we cannot pay

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind”. (Ephesians 2:1-3)

- God is rich in mercy and grace

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of **debt** that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-14)

- We should forgive as we have been forgiven

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:31-32)