

JESUS ON PRAYER – 5
JULY 10, 2019

REVIEW

- **MATTHEW 6:9-13** – A model prayer revealing prayer principles: praise, petition, provision, pardon, protection, praise.

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PRINCIPLE OF PARDON – V12-15

1. Definitions.
 - A. Forgive means to release, set free or pardon. If we don't forgive others our Heavenly Father won't forgive us.
 - B. Debts. This Greek word is used in two places in the New Testament. It means a loan impossible to pay. There's another word for debt used many times. It means a loan possible to pay.
2. Forgiveness is freely given by God. **MATTHEW 10:7-8**
 - A. We can't earn God's forgiveness. If we think we can, we'll think others must earn ours. Forgiveness was freely given to us, and we must freely give it to others.
 - B. Penance is self-punishment as an expression of repentance in order to earn forgiveness. In some doctrines it's mandatory.
 - C. **ROMANS 4:1-3, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:19-21** – Abraham didn't work for righteousness, he believed and God counted him righteous. Impute and counted are accounting terms. God has withdrawn sin from everyone's account by making Jesus the propitiation for our sins. **1 JOHN 2:1-2** – Propitiation means God's wrath has been satisfied for the entire world.
3. Righteousness by faith not works. **JOHN 3:36, 6:28-39**
 - A. To avoid hell, one must believe in the sacrifice Jesus made and receive pardon and righteousness. When one believes, he's counted righteous. **GALATIANS 3:6** – Accounted means imputed. When God pulls up the record of our account He sees **“PAID IN FULL, DECLARED RIGHTEOUS.”**
4. Sprinkling and shedding of blood. **HEBREWS 9:13-14, 21-22**
 - A. Jesus shed His Blood to cleanse us from all sin. When we sin as a believer, our conscience convicts us of sin. Satan condemns us, he doesn't convict us.
 - B. We must clear our conscience by sprinkling the Blood according to **1 JOHN 1:9**. If not, we will serve God out of dead works. A dead work is something we do to appease God. This is an evil conscience. **HEBREWS 10:16-17** God chooses not to remember our sins. We must do the same.
4. Forgiving our debtors. **MATTHEWS 18:21-23**
 - A. Peter wanted permission to get revenge after the eighth time.
 - B. **MATTHEW 18:23-35**
 - **V27** Debt – a loan impossible to pay back according to his wages. The debt is 52 million, the wage is four dollars a day
 - **V30** Debt – a loan he could pay according to his wages – 15 dollars.
 - **V32** Debt – impossible to pay.
 - **V34-35** Unforgiveness can lead us into bondage and torment.
 - **MATTHEW 27:17, 21-26** – “Jesus died in our place Barabbas.”

CONCLUSION: We must daily remind ourselves that we've been pardoned from a debt we couldn't repay. We must pardon others of their trespasses against us and truly forgive them from the heart just as we have been freely forgiven by God.