

S7E39

Dealing With Your Debt - Matthew 6:12

Description – How can we extend the olive branch that Christ extended to us?

Matthew 6:12

And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

The Olive Branch - universal symbol for truce or peace

Forgiveness from God

Why is the word there is debt or debtor not sin?

- How is debt is accrued
- How do you accrue debt with sin?

When you and I sin we owe something for that sin.

You can choose your sin but you can't choose the consequences of your sin.

The person who committed the crime is now indebted the person they committed the crime against and God's judicial system works the same way.

Sin debt works in two ways ...

1. Sins of Commission - I know it's wrong and I do it anyway
2. Sins of Omission - I know I should do it but I don't

Partial obedience is disobedience and delayed obedience is disobedience.

When sin in omission or commission

Psalms 38:3

³ There is no soundness in my body
because of your indignation;
there is no health in my bones
because of my sin.

⁴ For my iniquities have flooded over my head;
they are a burden too heavy for me to bear.

Sin has a weight to it and affects us deeply to your soul, and sin has natural consequences that come along with it.

There are no freebies in forgiveness.

The penalty of sin has been paid by Jesus's death on the cross, but our sin still has consequences in our lives that we deal with.

- Sin affects your intimacy and fellowship with God.
- It affects relationships with others (divorce, broken families)

Because of our sin we may not end up in hell because of Jesus, but sin can make you feel like your living in hell.

Are we seeking God in our sin before the consequences come or do we only seek the Lord after the consequences?

“Unless something changes, nothing changes” - Leslee Kiser

I don't sin today because

2 Timothy 2:20–21

²⁰ Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also those of wood and clay; some for honorable use and some for dishonorable. ²¹ So if anyone purifies himself from anything dishonorable, he will be a special instrument, set apart, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

“Be killing sin or sin will be killing you” - John Owens

Forgiving other

Matthew 18:21

²¹ Then Peter approached him and asked, “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? As many as seven times?”

²² “I tell you, not as many as seven,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven.

- Numbers have dual meanings 7 is the number of completion.

Genesis 4:23-24

Lamech said to his wives:

Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
 wives of Lamech, pay attention to my words.
 For I killed a man for wounding me,
 a young man for striking me.
²⁴ If Cain is to be avenged seven times over,
 then for Lamech it will be seventy-seven times!

(Dropping videos on youtube channel about Revelation to help people learn how to read through the Bible, and understand the signs and symbols within the context in which it was written.)

Jesus is calling Peter back to Genesis 4 and Lamech.

- Lamech is boasting on killing a man (in hebrew young man or lad) and is boasting on his abundance of revenge when he is wronged.
- Jesus says forgiveness brings more forgiveness and grace.

Thank God, that He does not hold grudges against us like we hold against other people.

You have to acknowledge what you did wrong and apologize for. The longer you stay in unforgiveness the more tension and the more distant you feel from them.
It works the same way with God.

Who do you need to forgive or seek forgiveness from.

Time does not heal all things, God does.
The longer it lingers the harder it gets.

True forgiveness brings with it freedom.

The hurt your wanting for other people is actually hurting you.

Dr. McMillan Study - There is direct connection between spiritual turmoil and physical illness.
7/10 could leave the hospital tomorrow if the experienced true forgiveness

Two Laws

Lamech Law - you hurt me i hurt you

Jesus Law - you hurt me I forgive you

Olive Branch - fresh start, forgiveness, new beginning

Genesis 8:11

¹¹When the dove came to him at evening, there was a plucked olive leaf in its beak. So Noah knew that the water on the earth's surface had gone down.

Who in your life right now do you need to extend an olive branch to?

Matthew 5:23-24

So if you are offering your gift on the altar, and there you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled with your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.