

Jesus Forgives. Do You?

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Being human and in this body of flesh, we are weak and make many mistakes. In a moment's lust, hurt, or anger we may say or do something that we will immediately be sorry for and regret forever. God was aware of our weak condition when he said in his word, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." **Romans 3:23**. Without meaning to do so, we sin against God and one another. This is why the Lord said so much about repentance and forgiveness. God will forgive the person who sins and repents and tells us to do the same.

A person may do something to us that hurts, or offends us. Sometimes they do it on purpose and care not for the harm done to us. Then there are those times when the hurt was unintentional, but the hurt was felt just the same. How should we handle the situation is the question.

Our fleshly nature usually wants us to pay them back in kind. If we do we feel that it is justified, at least at the moment. In those minutes of hurt and anger it feels alright, but when we calm down and think about it we may regret our own actions and words. If we handled it accord-

ing to the flesh then we have two people who have done wrong. God guides his people to do things differently and tells us to be led by the Spirit, not the flesh. Jesus not only told us how God wants us to handle these situations when they come about, but he showed by his example what we should do. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously," **1 Peter 2:21-23**.

Jesus was in the flesh and the scripture says that He was tempted in all points just as we are. That means that when He was hurt and offended He was tempted to respond in a similar fashion. He didn't do it, even though in the flesh he would walk in the Spirit. We are to follow His example as we go through this life. I know it is not easy and that we have all found it easier said than done. The more we try the more we will be able to control our impulses and not say and do things for which we will be sorry.

There are two sides to the subject of offences. A person may hurt us by some deed or word, but in the same way we may be guilty of hurting and offending someone else. It may not be done on purpose, but it may be done

anyway. Some of my greatest sorrows are those where I have offended someone by something I've said, or done. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. James 3:2. It only takes a second to say or do something that results in years of hurt and regret. We all want to be forgiven and the Lord tells us that we also need to forgive.

Sometimes I've heard of those who have said, "I'll forgive, but I won't forget." I wonder if they really did forgive, or did they just say that they did. It sounds like they mean to hold it in their minds and hearts to keep the incident alive. The Lord is serious about forgiveness, just as he is about all that he commanded mankind to do. "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." **Matt 6:14-15**.

I know that the Lord forgives those who sin and repent, asking for mercy. Yet, I know that there are those who can't seem to, or will not, forgive those who have wronged them. Jesus asked God to forgive those who crucified him while he was hanging on the cross. He was our great example to the very end of his earthly life.

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ABRAM IN EGYPT

PHARAOH HAS SENT MANY GIFTS TO ABRAM, AFTER HAVING BEEN TOLD OF THE WONDROUS BEAUTY OF SARAI—THIS, OF COURSE, IS THE OPENING MOVE BY PHARAOH TO OBTAIN SARAI FOR HIMSELF....

... ABRAM, ALTHOUGH A PROSPEROUS MAN, HAS NEVER SEEN SO MUCH WEALTH BEFORE IN HIS LIFE....

IT IS AS I HAVE FEARED! PHARAOH WANTS SARAI FOR HIMSELF, OR HE WOULD NOT SEND SO MANY PRESENTS!

...AND ABRAM CAN NOT REFUSE THE GIFTS, THAT WOULD BE AN UNFORGIVABLE INSULT TO PHARAOH! BUT IF HE ACCEPTS THE PRESENTS, HE CAN'T REFUSE PHARAOH'S FUTURE REQUESTS, EITHER!

...NOR DOES HE HAVE LONG TO WAIT FOR THE REQUEST! SHORTLY, THE APPROACH OF A CHARIOT CAN BE HEARD!

...IT IS PHARAOH'S ROYAL MESSENGER, COME NOW TO PRESENT A CLAIM FOR ABRAM'S BEAUTIFUL 'SISTER'! AND NOW ABRAM WAITS WITH A COLD DREAD IN HIS HEART, AS THIS MESSENGER APPROACHES HIS TENT!

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