

Announcements

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v. 11 Give us this day our daily bread,(James 1:16-17) The language here really is saying "Give us this day our bread for tomorrow". That we understand our dependence and trust on God to provide. The hard part though is with the ease of things for us, we continue to grow to think that we are independent of God despite what scripture says. (Colossians 1:16-17) Finally, the prayer is talking about supplying us with our physical needs but Jesus also uses this idea to teach on truly what we are to be praying for in John 6:28-35

v. 12 forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors, Sin is pictured here as a debt. Sin incurs a debt which must be paid, absorbed, or written off. As believers we understand that Christ paid that price for us to be justified but that is not what he is teaching on here. He is talking about the forgiveness we grant as people living in relationship with others. (1 John 1:5-10)

"Our Lord here was simply concerned to remind us of the need for forgiveness and to assure us of the fact of forgiveness. He is not so much concerned about the mechanism or the way of forgiveness here. Our Lord was simply concerned about the relationship of Father and child. He could not at this point explain the doctrine of the atonement. The truth concerning the way of forgiveness is implicit here, but the great fulfillment was to come" -Martin Lloyd Jones

v. 13 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. The key to this verse is the word "Lead". We are asking God to lead us in His ways not into our ways which will lead to temptation and evil. (James 1:13-15)

v. 14-15 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matthew 18:23-35). The parable reveals truths about the motives that should drive our desire to forgive. That motive is "remember". Because you have been forgiven of so much, you have the ability to forgive others.

For many of us we have questions like: 1) How can this relationship be restored? 2) What does it look like to practice forgiveness? 3) How can I forgive without acting like what he/she did is okay? 4) Where will I find the desire to forgive or ask for forgiveness? 5) What is forgiveness anyway?

Today I want to take some time to look at biblically and systematically what the answers to these questions are because we most often are practicing a form of forgiveness that is neither biblical nor effective.

- a. What biblical forgiveness isn't
- b. What are the reasons we don't pursue or live a life of forgiveness?
- c. What is biblical forgiveness? Biblically we see that forgiveness is made up of two parts: a vertical transaction. (Mark 11:24-25) and a horizontal transaction.(Luke 17:3)