

**Series "Behold Your King"**  
**"Why Should I Forgive?"**  
**Matthew 18:21-35**  
**Part-83**

**(NLT) Proverbs 18:19**

- 1. Verses 21-22 – The Question & The Answer**
- 2. Verses 23-35 – The Illustration & Application**

**1. Verses 21-22 – The Question & The Answer:**

Matt 18:1-14 Who is the Greatest?

Matt 18:15-20 Conflict Resolution

Matt 18:15

Forgive – "forsake, lay aside, leave, let go, omit, send away, remit, to yield up" It is letting an offense go, to no longer see the charge.

Psalms 103:12

Isa 43:25

1. When the thought of what you did comes to mind I promise not to entertain it.
2. When an opportunity comes to remind you of the offense against me I will not bring it up.
3. When the opportunity comes for me to tell others, I won't bring it up!

Eph. 3:17-19

Matt 18:22

1 Cor. 13:5 does not take into account a wrong suffered

Romans 12:20-21

The barriers of an unforgiving heart:

Revenge - "I'm going to get even!"

Resentment - "I'm going to stay angry!"

Remembering - "I'll never forget!"

## **2. Verses 23-35 – The Illustration & Application:**

1. The Personal Need of Forgiveness:
2. The Need To Extend Forgiveness:
3. The Torment Without Forgiveness:

1. Verses 24-27 – The Personal Need of Forgiveness:

Matt 18:24-27

The Cross – Jesus paid and canceled the debt: Col 2:13-14

Let me give you three action steps if you're in need of forgiveness.

1. Face your friend – Matthew 5:24
2. Own the wrong
3. Ask for release

2. Verses 28-30 – The need to extend forgiveness:

3. Verses 31-35 – The torment without forgiveness:

Matt 18:31

What was it that grieved the onlookers?

Matt 18:32-34

Handed him over to the torturers – Who are the torturers?

1. The hidden torturers of anger and bitterness that eat your insides out.

2. The torturers of frustration and malice that give you ulcers, high blood pressure, migraine headaches, and lower back pain.
3. The hidden torturers that make you lie awake at night stewing over every wrong that someone has done to you.
4. The torturers of an unforgiving heart who stalk you day and night, who never leave your side, who suck every bit of joy out of your life. Why? Because you will not forgive from your heart.

Heb 12:15

Eph 4:30-32

Matt 18:35

Col. 3:13

### **Application:**

Why Should I Forgive?

1. God Commands It:
2. Because we've received grace and forgiveness:
3. An unforgiving spirit inflicts torment:
4. Forgiveness frees people - including ourselves: