

... God will provide himself a lamb ...



Receiving Forgiveness

Psalm 77:13 (KJV) — 13 Thy way, O
God, is in the sanctuary: who is so
great a God as our God?

Thus the services of the sanctuary, in the offering of the sacrifices and the ministering of the priests, and of the high priests alone, was for the making of atonement and for the forgiveness and sending away of the sins of the people. Because of the sin and guilt, because of their having “done somewhat against any of the commandments of the Lord concerning things which should not be done,” atonement must be made and forgiveness obtained.



Atonement is literally at-one-ment. The sin and the guilt had separated them from God. By these services they were made at-one with God. Forgive is literally give-for. To forgive sin is to give for sin. Forgiveness of sin comes alone from God. What does God give, what has He given, for sin? He gave Christ, and Christ “gave himself for our sins.” Galatians 1:4; Ephesians 2:12-16; Romans 5:8-11. (*The Consecrated Way to Christian Perfection*, p. 66.1)



Genesis 22:8 (KJV) — 8 . . . My son,
God will provide himself a lamb for a
burnt offering: . . .

John 16:8, 9 (KJV) — 8 And when he
(the holy spirit) is come, he will
reprove the world of sin, and of
righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of
sin, because they believe not on me;

Isaiah 6:5 (KJV) — 5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

Acts 16:29, 30 (KJV) — 29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

Acts 16:31 (KJV) — 31 And they said,
Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and
thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

John 3:36 (KJV) — 36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 5:24 (KJV) — 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Acts 13:38, 39 (KJV) — 38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: 39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Romans 3:22–24 (KJV) — 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Romans 3:25, 26 (KJV) — 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

1 John 1:9 (KJV) — 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Proverbs 28:13 (KJV) — 13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

2 Samuel 12:13 (KJV) — 13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

Luke 15:17, 18 (KJV) — 17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

Luke 15:19, 20 (KJV) — 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. 20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

Acts 17:29, 30 (KJV) — 29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Repent is from μετανοέω (*metanoēō*)
and means to change your mind or
thinking.

. . . to change one's way of life as the result of a complete change of thought and attitude with regard to sin and righteousness . . . (*Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament based on Semantic Domains*, vol. 1, p. 509)

Repentance includes sorrow for sin and a turning away from it. We shall not renounce sin unless we see its sinfulness; until we turn away from it in heart, there will be no real change in the life. (*Steps to Christ*, p. 23.2)



the pleasures of sin for a
season



Wine is a mocker, strong
drink is raging:

Isaiah 55:7 (KJV) — 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

2 Corinthians 7:10 (KJV) — 10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Jeremiah 4:3, 4 (KJV) — 3 For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. 4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

Luke 19:8–10 (KJV) — 8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. 9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Romans 6:11–12 (KJV) — 11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Romans 6:13, 14 (KJV) — 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

1 Peter 2:11 (KJV) — 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

Luke 19:8 (KJV) —

8 . . . I restore him fourfold.

Matthew 6:12 (KJV) — 12 And
forgive us our debts, as we forgive
our debtors.

Luke 11:4 (KJV) — 4 And forgive us
our sins; for we also forgive every
one that is indebted to us. . . .

Matthew 6:14, 15 (KJV) — 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 18:21, 22 (KJV) — 21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Peter had come to Christ with the question, “How oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?” The rabbis limited the exercise of forgiveness to three offenses. Peter, carrying out, as he supposed, the teaching of Christ, thought to extend it to seven, the number signifying perfection.



But Christ taught that we are never to become weary of forgiving. Not “Until seven times,” He said, “but, Until seventy times seven.” (*Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 243.1)



Matthew 18:23, 24 (KJV) — 23

Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

Matthew 18:25, 26 (KJV) — 25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

Matthew 18:27 (KJV) — 27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

Matthew 18:28 (KJV) — 28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

Matthew 18:29, 30 (KJV) — 29 And his
fellowservant fell down at his feet, and
besought him, saying, Have patience
with me, and I will pay thee all. 30 And
he would not: but went and cast him
into prison, till he should pay the debt.

Matthew 18:31, 32 (KJV) — 31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. 32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

Matthew 18:33–35 (KJV) — 33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? 34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. 35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Proverbs 15:1 (KJV) — 1 A soft answer
turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir
up anger.

Ephesians 4:32 (KJV) — 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Colossians 3:13 (KJV) — 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Mark 11:25 (KJV) — 25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Luke 23:34 (KJV) — 34 Then said Jesus,
Father, forgive them; for they know not
what they do. . . .