

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Hebrews 8:12 I will forgive them for the wicked things they did, and I will not remember their sins anymore.

SPIRITUAL FORGIVENESS

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Eternal Father of all creation, we again thank You, praise You and bless You for the grace that You give all of Your children in times of troubles and need. Father, please teach us to know and understand Your will. Lord help us to be better stewards of Your Divine word. Father please continue to bless this ministry with your daily presence, and Your words of hope and understanding. Lord may this monthly message touch the hearts of all the lost and troubled souls. Lord I ask all this in Jesus name. Amen.

This month's inspired message has to do with another very important matter, that matter has to do with spiritual forgiveness. When I speak about spiritual forgiveness, what am I really trying to say? Well for starters, we as secular people by nature, do not know too much about forgiveness period, let alone spiritual forgiveness.

The word spiritual means relating to the spirit or sacred matters. Forgiveness has to do with a pardon for another person or persons trespass against us.

When someone sins against us, the first thing that comes to our secular minds is that I have been violated, without reason. After someone has sinned against us, then our pride kicks in and we need to get back at whoever has hurt us and caused us emotional, or physical pain. We as secular human beings, seem to hurt whoever or whatever crosses our paths sometimes, for no apparent reason. Why do we all have a tendency and the potential, to offend and hurt one another from time to time? The only reason that makes any sense according to the Bible, is the fact that we are all born with an inherited evil nature. This evil sinful nature that we all possess, started with Adam and Eve's fall from grace. Since man's fall from grace, we all are susceptible to evil and sin.

The problem with the world we live in, is the fact that when we are hurt by one or another, we do not know how to forgive. And when we hurt someone, we generally do not know how to say that we are truly sorry and repent of our sins, due to our pride. When we hold grudges and harbor hatred for another man, we keep ourselves in chains of bondage, and become a slave to our enemies. If we do not spiritually forgive one another from our hearts, God will keep us in a state of confusion and disarray. Also, we will never find the Lord's inner peace, until we truly forgive.

With respect to spiritual forgiveness, God teaches us to forgive our brothers and sisters sins against us. Once we finally find God's forgiveness in our hearts for one another, then God blesses us with His peace, a peace that surpasses all of man's understanding. In the Lord's prayer, we ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. As we pray the Our Father, we should always remember when we ask God to forgive our sins, we must truly forgive others who have sinned against us. In order to have a better sense of spiritual forgiveness, we need to take a good look at our sinful ways. When we were hopelessly out of God's grace due to our sinful ways, God had compassion and mercy on us for one reason, because he loved us first.

In John 3:16 it is written, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life"

John 3:16, really says a lot about our loving Father. The Lord is not only all loving, but He is all graceful and all merciful. On the other hand, we are by nature, evil and lack compassion for our fellow man. The way I see it, God forgives our sins because He loves us, so why can't we forgive others? The reason why we can not forgive others is because we are not following God's will. When we do not forgive our brothers and sisters trespasses against us, we are nothing more than a bunch of hypocrites.

According to the Holy Bible, it is a sin against God's will when we do not forgive others when they sin against us. In Matthew 6:14-15 the Lord warns us all of the ramifications that follow us when we do not forgive others. God says; For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

This scripture is direct, complete, and has a perilous overtone to it! In this scripture, the Lord clearly lets us all know through His divine infinite wisdom, that if we have any hopes of eternal salvation with Him in Heaven, we must forgive others!

I don't care how much good we do, how much we pray, how much we go to church, or how close we think we are to God, the Lord, says we must forgive others!

When it comes to forgiving others according to God's will, there is no compromising, no deal making, no copping a final plea, etc. "we must forgive others!"

For most of my years growing up before Jesus saved me, I would not forgive others who sinned against me. Also, when I sinned against someone, I never could say that I was sorry. By not following God's will to forgive others and repent when I sin against another, the Lord kept this heavy dark weight on my shoulders. I was a slave to my own arrogance and pride. But once the Lord came into my life, He taught me how to pray for my enemies and how to repent when I sin. Once I fully understood what God has been trying to tell me, from that moment on, forgiveness and repentance became a daily part of my life. I thank God, for forgiving my sins and teaching me how to forgive others when they sin against me. Also, for releasing me from the bondage of sin.

God teaches us in the Bible how to forgive others, through His forgiveness of our sins.

In Ephesians 1:7 it is written that, In Jesus we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

In 1 John 1:9 God says; If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

The next scripture closely parallels Matthew 6:14. In Mark 11:25 it is written: "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that Your Father in heaven may forgive your sins."

So my friends in the Lord, summing up this month's message, it all comes down to one thing, we must ask God to forgive our trespasses, and we must truly forgive others who trespass against us. We should ask God, to help us find humility instead of pride when it comes to forgiveness, and repentance instead of arrogance and defiance from our sins. So the next time someone sins against us, let us all ask our forgiving God to help us learn how to forgive our brothers and sisters. Also, when we sin against another, to ask our merciful Lord, to help us to be truly sorry and repent of our sins. Let us pray, Lord we are all sinners, please forgive our daily sins. Father please help us to forgive others as You have forgiven us through Your Son and our Savior Christ Jesus. May Your Holy Spirit encourage us all to be more humble and forgiving to our brothers and sisters. Lord may all learn how to be more loving and caring to each other. Father please help us change our evil ways and help us find your presence in everything we think, say, or do. Father I ask all this, in Jesus name. Amen.

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JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

IN AM LIFE AND LIGHT IN ABUNDANCE

*As you spend time "soaking" in My Presence, you are energized and lightened. Through communicating with Me, you transfer your heavy burdens to My strong shoulders. By gazing at Me, you gain My perspective on your life. This time alone with Me is essential for unscrambling your thoughts and smoothing out the day before you. Be willing to fight for this precious time with Me. Opposition comes in many forms: your own desire to linger in bed; the evil one's determination to distract you from Me; the pressure of family, friends, and your own inner critic to spend your time more productively. As you grow in your desire to please Me above all else, you gain strength to resist these opponents. **Delight yourself in Me, for I am the deepest Desire of your heart.** Psalms 48:9; Deuteronomy 33:12; Psalms 37:4*

LET ME SHOW YOU

*My way for you this day. I guide you continually, so you can relax and enjoy My Presence in the present. Living well is both a discipline and an art. Concentrate on staying close to me, the divine Artist. Discipline your thoughts to trust Me as I work My ways in your life. Pray about everything; then, leave outcomes to Me. Do not fear my will, for through it I accomplish what is best for you. Take a deep breath and dive into the depths of absolute trust in Me. **Underneath are My everlasting arms!***

Psalms 5:2-3; Deuteronomy 33:27

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PROVERBIAL SCRIPTURES FOR LIVING

Proverbs 29:23 A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor.

Proverbs 28:6 Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a rich man whose ways are perverse

Proverbs 23:9 Do not speak to a fool, for he will scorn the wisdom of your words.

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THE MINISTRY'S DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please pray daily with this ministry for; Theresa Wade, Tony Scarenelli, Janet Neil,

Vince Phillipelli, Serge Udalovas, Alene Santarpio, Johathan Baker, Keith Ruggerio, Anthony Lakes, Jerry Palma, Donna DeAngelous, Mike Buettner, Marian Wilson, Joe Lakes, Joe Longo and family, Jimmy Palma, Anna Hansen, Dianne Moore, Helen McKean, Karen Fulginetti and family, Scott Echenoff, Alexandria Barone, Anthony Palma, Mindy and Mike Baker and family. Chuck Lakes, Kevin Palma.

Also a daily prayer for all; the sick, the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the broken hearted, the poor in spirit, the lost, the lonesome, the lame, the hopeless, the weak, the weary, the restless, the persecuted, the emotionally distraught, etc.

Furthermore a daily prayer for all; the hatred, violence, wars, corruption, and unrest around the world. For our new President that he walks in the ways of the Lord, and not the politically correct. Also, For all the troops in harms way to come home safely and soon. I ask all these daily prayers, in Jesus name.....Amen.

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Well my friends in the Lord Jesus Christ, I pray that your summer is going along great, and that your spirit is in high gear. Also, it is my hope, that with all the activities and things to do in the summer, that we all take some quality time out of each day, to thank God for all are blessings that He

bestows upon all of us. So my brothers and sisters, until next months journal with God's help, may the Lord richly bless you and your family always.

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