

A Study of Forgiveness - Part 1

- I. Forgiveness _____: (Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible) Ceasing to feel resentment for wrongs and offenses; pardon, involving restoration of broken relationships. Primarily, forgiveness is an act of God, releasing sinners from judgment and freeing them from the divine penalty of their sin. Since only God is holy, only God can forgive sin (Mk 2:7; Lk 5:21). Forgiveness is also a human act toward one's neighbor, given new incentive and emphasis in the NT because of God's forgiveness in the death of Christ.
- II. Forgiveness _____
 - a. Man to Man
 - i. _____ and his brethren Genesis 50:17
 - ii. _____ and David 1 Samuel 25:28
 - b. God to Man
 - i. Levitical _____ "and it shall be forgiven him(them)"
Leviticus 4:20, 26, 31, 35; 5:10, 13, 16, 18; 6:7; 19:22
 - ii. _____ Exodus 32:32; Exodus 34:7; Numbers 14:18–19
 - iii. The _____ Jeremiah 31:33–34
 - iv. _____ when the temple was complete 2 Chronicles 7:14
- III. _____ of Forgiveness

David and the "Psalm of Forgiveness"

- I. The _____ of forgiveness 1-2
 - a. Terminology
 - i. _____ is willful rebellion against God, disobeying His holy commandments, which results in breaking His laws.
 - ii. _____ is an act that, literally, misses the mark. The root verb is used of the left-handed Benjaminites who were able to sling stones with precise accuracy, not missing the target (Jud. 20:16).

- iii. _____ means to lift, to bear, or to take away. The word portrays a beautiful image: as sinners, we bear a very heavy burden. When God forgives us, He lifts the burden of our sin from us and carries it away.
- iv. _____ means to conceal, to clothe, or to hide from view. In forgiving us, God covers our sins and never sees them again (Ps. 103:12).
- v. _____ bent or twisted, acts from the depravity of human nature

- II. The _____ to seek forgiveness 3-4
- III. God's forgiveness _____ 5
- IV. The _____ of the forgiven 6-11
 - a. God's forgiveness _____ 6-7
 - b. Follow God's _____ 8-9
 - c. Enjoy His _____ 10-11

Application: Is there something in your life for which you need to seek forgiveness?