

# POWER OF FORGIVENESS

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Ephesians 1:7

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# FORGIVENESS IN OT

- Kaphar – to cover, cover over or to overspread
  - Nasa – to lift up
  - Calach – to send away
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# Kaphar

HELP US, O GOD OF OUR SALVATION, FOR  
THE GLORY OF THY NAME: AND DELIVER US,  
AND PURGE AWAY [KAPHAR] OUR SINS, FOR  
THY NAME'S SAKE.

PSALM 79:9

# Kaphar

YET HE WAS MERCIFUL;

HE FORGAVE THEIR INIQUITIES [KAPHAR]

AND DID NOT DESTROY THEM.

TIME AFTER TIME HE RESTRAINED HIS ANGER

AND DID NOT STIR UP HIS FULL WRATH

PSALM 78:38

# Nasa

FOR I LIFT UP (NASA) MY HAND TO HEAVEN,  
AND SAY, I LIVE FOREVER.

DEUT 32:40

# Nasa

“WHY HAVE YOU NOT EATEN THE SIN OFFERING  
IN A HOLY PLACE, SINCE IT IS MOST HOLY,  
AND GOD HAS GIVEN IT TO YOU TO **BEAR THE  
GUILT** OF THE CONGREGATION, TO MAKE  
ATONEMENT FOR THEM BEFORE THE LORD?

**LEV 10:17**

# Nasa

TAKE WITH YOU WORDS, AND TURN TO THE LORD: SAY UNTO HIM, TAKE AWAY (NASA) ALL INIQUITY, AND RECEIVE US GRACIOUSLY: SO WILL WE RENDER THE CALVES OF OUR LIPS.

HOSEA 14:2



# Calach

AND HE SAID, IF NOW I HAVE FOUND GRACE IN THY SIGHT, O LORD, LET MY LORD, I PRAY THEE, GO AMONG US; FOR IT IS A STIFFNECKED PEOPLE; AND PARDON OUR INIQUITY (CALACH) AND OUR SIN, AND TAKE US FOR THINE INHERITANCE.

EXODUS 34:9

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# Author of forgiveness

IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL  
AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND TO  
CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

1 JOHN 1:9

# Channel of forgiveness

BE IT KNOWN UNTO YOU THEREFORE, MEN  
AND BRETHREN, THAT THROUGH THIS MAN  
IS PREACHED UNTO YOU THE FORGIVENESS  
OF SINS

ACTS 13:38

# How shall we live?

GET RID OF ALL BITTERNESS, RAGE AND ANGER, BRAWLING AND SLANDER, ALONG WITH EVERY FORM OF MALICE. <sup>32</sup> BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER, FORGIVING EACH OTHER, JUST AS IN CHRIST GOD FORGAVE YOU.

**EPHESIANS 4:31-32**

## LUKE 7:44-48

. 47 THEREFORE, I TELL YOU, HER MANY SINS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN—AS HER GREAT LOVE HAS SHOWN. **BUT WHOEVER HAS BEEN FORGIVEN LITTLE LOVES LITTLE.**”

48 THEN JESUS SAID TO HER, **“YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN.”**

# Parable of the unmerciful servant

Matthew 18:21-27

1. Forgiveness liberates
2. Forgiveness is unselfish
3. Forgiveness flows from the heart

# 1. FORGIVENESS LIBERATES

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold<sup>[h]</sup> was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

<sup>26</sup> “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ <sup>27</sup> The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.



## 2. FORGIVENESS IS UNSELFISH

<sup>28</sup> “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

<sup>29</sup> “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

<sup>30</sup> “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

# GIANNA JESSEN



“Over and over, I’ve chosen to let the Lord define me,” she said. “The Lord spoke to me, ‘You have to let it go.’”

### 3. FORGIVENESS FLOWS FROM THE HEART

<sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup> “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup> “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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