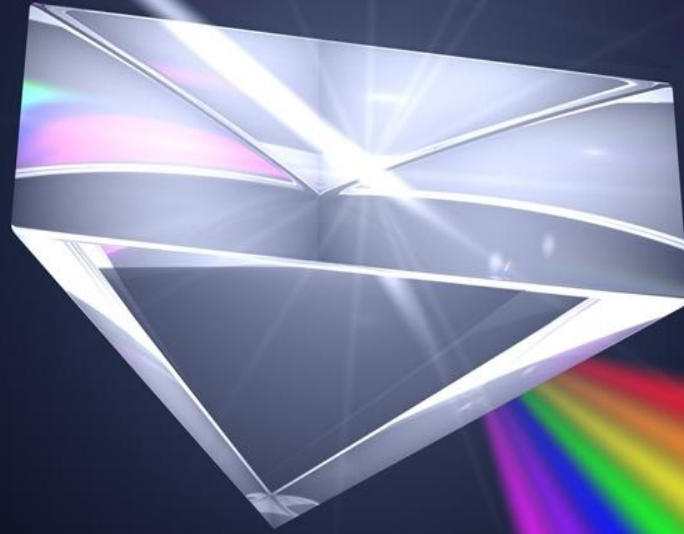


The Parables
OF JESUS CHRIST



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An earthly story that
reveals a spiritual truth

Life in the Kingdom

Forgiveness

This is God's Word for my life in this Place and at this Time. Today I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's very own, and I KNOW He has a purpose for my life.

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?”

Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven
times, but seventy-seven times.”

“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him **ten thousand** bags of gold was brought to him. 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.

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

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

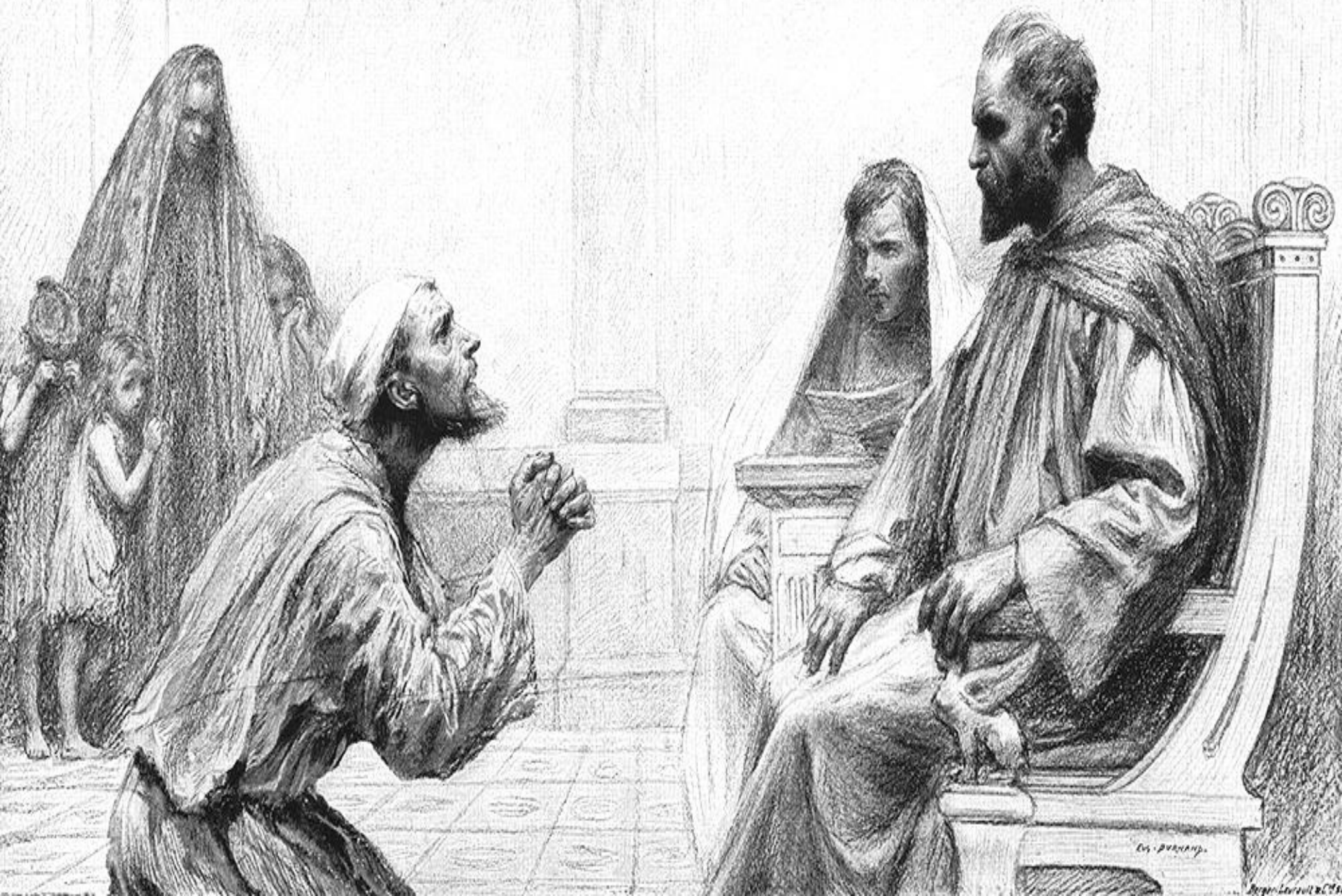
“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

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

“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister **from your heart.**”

Matthew 18:21-35

UNMERCIFUL SERVANT





Human Response

The Parable asks

“Do you really understand forgiveness?”

“Forgive and you will be forgiven.” Luke 6:37

“Bind on earth and it will be bound in heaven” Matt18:18

“Blessed are the merciful for they receive mercy.” Mt5:7

Don't underestimate your
Debt of Evil

REGULAR DEPOSIT / WITHDRAWAL

STANDARD CALCULATOR

CURRENCY:

Hurt/Pain

BASE AMOUNT:

\$

1

ANNUAL INTEREST RATE:

10

%

CALCULATION PERIOD:

85

Years



REGULAR MONTHLY?

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deposit



INCREASE
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YEARLY WITH INFLATION?



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Don't underestimate your Debt of Evil

Do you know how much you owe?

Self-observation is the first step toward maturity.

Don't justify your response.

Forgiveness produces a reaction

GRATITUDE

or

ENTITLEMENT

Story of the 10 lepers

Maturity and wisdom

“off the hook” (Rm 6:1)

Immaturity & uncaring

Gratitude is the second level of maturity.

Don't **IGNORE** the impact of your decision.

Judgment of Hell is your own **LIFESTYLE**