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Heirs of the Kingdom

Matthew 6:9-15

⁹ Pray then like this:“ Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,
¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

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¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Outline

1. The forgiveness we need
2. The forgiveness we must extend
3. The forgiveness God gives

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“Forgive us our debts”

2. The forgiveness we must extend

“as we have also forgiven our debtors”

Matthew 6:14-15

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- Forgiveness is not the same thing as reconciliation

2. The forgiveness we must extend

What forgiveness is:

- Forgiveness is releasing the debt, so that we surrender the right to revenge, refuse to nurture bitterness in our hearts, entrust justice to God, and stop holding someone's sin over their head.

Ephesians 4:31-32

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

3. The forgiveness God gives

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Matthew 26:28

“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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1 John 2:1-2

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

Summary

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