

Mt.6.9-15 “The Pardon of God”
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C. THE PLEA

Asking forgiveness implies confession.

Confessing sin means basically to agree with...

The true Christian does not see God’s promise of forgiveness:

- ❖ as a license to sin,
- ❖ a way to abuse His love
- ❖ a way to presume on His grace.

Rather he sees God’s gracious forgiveness as the means of:

- ❖ spiritual growth & sanctification...

D. THE PREREQUISITE “as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

We are to forgive because it is the character of righteousness, & therefore of the faithful Christian life, to forgive.

✚ Citizens of God’s kingdom are blessed & receive mercy because they themselves are merciful (5.7).

✚ They love even their enemies because they have the nature of the loving heavenly Father within them (5.44–45, 48).

✚ Forgiveness is the mark of a truly regenerate heart.

Forgiving another person is the highest virtue of man.

Forgiving others also frees the conscience of guilt, even the proper functioning of the body.

Nothing in the Christian life is more important than forgiveness—

III. God’s PROTECTION v.13A “lead us not into temptation”

Our proper reaction to temptation is primarily a matter of self-distrust.

IV. God’s PREEMINENCE v.13b “kingdom, power, and glory”

V. God’s POSTSCRIPT v.14–15 “for if you forgive...”

Believers should forgive as those who have received judicial forgiveness (Ep.1.7; I Jn.2.1–2).

Believers cannot know the parental forgiveness, apart from forgiving others in heart & word.

The sin of an unforgiving heart & a bitter spirit (He.12.15) forfeits blessing & invites judgment.

CONCLUSION:

There are petitions for the believer to ask from God, but

- There are also conditions for the answers to be received.
- Even more, our prayers are to be primarily concerned with the exaltation of the:
 - ✓ name,
 - ✓ kingdom, &
 - ✓ will of
- the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer is primarily worship which inspires thanks and personal purity.