

## Scriptures for Week 9

### Forgiveness

Matthew 6:12-15: and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. <sup>14</sup>For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup>but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Ephesians 4:31-32: <sup>31</sup>All bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander must be removed from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup>And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.

Matthew 18:23-35: <sup>23</sup>For this reason, the kingdom of heaven can be compared to a king who wanted to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle accounts, one who owed 10,000 talents was brought before him. <sup>25</sup>Since he had no way to pay it back, his master commanded that he, his wife, his children, and everything he had be sold to pay the debt.

<sup>26</sup>“At this, the slave fell facedown before him and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!’ <sup>27</sup>Then the master of that slave had compassion, released him, and forgave him the loan.<sup>28</sup> “But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him 100 denarii. He grabbed him, started choking him, and said, ‘Pay what you owe!’<sup>29</sup> “At this, his fellow slave fell down and began begging him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ <sup>30</sup>But he wasn’t willing. On the contrary, he went and threw him into prison until he could pay what was owed.

<sup>31</sup>When the other slaves saw what had taken place, they were deeply distressed and went and reported to their master everything that had happened.<sup>32</sup> “Then, after he had summoned him, his master said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. <sup>33</sup>Shouldn’t you also have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And his master got angry and handed him over to the jailers to be tortured until he could pay everything that was owed. <sup>35</sup>So My heavenly Father will also do to you if each of you does not forgive his brother from his heart.”

1 John 2:10-11: <sup>10</sup>Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. <sup>11</sup>But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Luke 6:37-38: <sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup>Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over—will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”

### Love Your Enemies

Mathew 5:43-48: <sup>43</sup>“You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. <sup>44</sup>But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. For He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward will you have? Don’t even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing out of the ordinary? Don’t even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Romans 13:8-10: <sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Colossians 3:12-14: <sup>12</sup>Therefore, God’s chosen ones, holy and loved, put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>accepting one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, put on love—the perfect bond of unity.

### Abiding in His Love

1 John 4:7-8: <sup>7</sup>Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love.