

FREEDOM THROUGH FORGIVENESS

NOTE: In this tract, we have restored the True Names of the Heavenly Father, Yahweh, and His Son, Yahshua, the Messiah (*John 5:43*). When you say HalleluYah, you see the Yah. What is in a Name? More than just labels, names in Scripture tell us about the individual. Nowhere is this more important than in the personal, revealed Name of our Creator. As it did with Israel, His Name closely bonds True Worshipers to Him as their personal Heavenly Father, and is the key that unlocks deeper knowledge and understanding (*Prov. 30:4*). Contrary to popular belief, the Father's Name is not "Jehovah" [hovah #1943: another form for #1942; ruin:-mischief], and neither is the Son's Name "Jesus". The letter "J" did not come into existence until the 17th Century; look in any dictionary under "J". The Savior was a Hebrew, so why would they give Him Greek Latinized name? Yahshua revealed His Name: Acts 26:14-15. He spoke in the Hebrew tongue not Greek. (All Scripture is quoted from the King James Version. All #'s recorded are from Strong's Concordance and notes where stated from Lexical Aids.)

We encourage each reader to prove Scripturally for himself what he reads here:

1 Thess. 5:21, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is honest."

My early life was shattered when my parents divorced. I awoke one morning after sleeping with my mother to find out that she was never to return.

My sister and her husband desired to take care of me; however, the rage of anger that was within me prevented me from staying with them. I was placed in a miniature orphanage and three foster homes. The last foster home I went to, I asked what I could call these people, and they said that they could never replace my real parents. I felt rejection for the second time, wondering who was really going to love me? I longed so much to be accepted and loved. The closest they could become to me was Auntie and Uncle. When school mates would ask me where my parents were, I would say, "They were killed in a car accident." As a child, I felt they never existed. When I was in school we would be going to volleyball tournaments and I would see my mother waling hand in hand with an-

other man. “Oh, how I longed for it to be my Dad.” The wound began to fester; it was one more strike I have placed against her. As I grew older, my hatred, anger, resentment, bitterness and unforgiveness grew towards my mother. I wanted so much to close the door of my childhood, as to store it in my subconscious, and never to return again. At the age of thirteen, I came to the conclusion that my hurts were just as equal to my parents’ hurts and thus chalked it up as even. However, in my subconscious mind, it had left a deep wound of unforgiveness. Little did I know, it would creep into my married life, like a cat in the night. The first three months of marriage was the hardest, as when my husband and I had disagreements, or if I did not get my own way, I would leave thinking if anyone was going to be rejected, it was not going to be me, but rather someone else. I became very lonely and isolated. I felt an emptiness deep within, that nothing seemed to fill, a felling of rejection and abandonment.

Years later we took our children on a retreat and the couple spoke on forgiveness. The leader asked if there was a parent that we did not get along with. My mother popped into my mind. The leader then proceeded to say, “Place that parent on a chair and look into her/his eyes and tell them that you are sorry, and would they please forgive you.: As I did, I began to cry and cry and cry. I felt such a heavy burden on my shoulder; as I released my feelings of unforgiveness, I began to feel free and light. Even though my mother had passed away, when I did this, Yahweh still blessed me. The only regret, is that I did not do it face to face. I encourage you, if you have a parent that you have had disagreement with, make it a goal to do this; make it right, as Yahweh will free you from a lot of burdens.

I learned after that experience of forgiving, that by not forgiving my mother, I was held in bondage. The bondage of unforgiveness was living the curse of rejection in leaving, every time I would not get my own way or when I had a disagreement with my husband. Those who do not forgive live the curs of their unforgiveness in their own life, and are bound by Satan. When my mother rejected, I felt she owed me something, that she had to make restitution for the wrong she had done to me. I was holding her in bondage, thus Yahweh was holding me accountable for my unforgiveness. I lived the debt I felt she owed me. I could not cancel her action of offense to me, only Yahweh could do that. I had to cancel the emotional debt I felt she owed me.

Rom. 12:19b. “..Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith Yahweh.”

When I forgave my mother, I left her debt entirely with Yahweh. He is the nudge, not me. It was not easy to forgive my mom. I has some deep hurts, strong emotions, that kept me in bondage. It was only until I was willing to yield my self-will to give them up, and release her of her debt, that I could become free.

I was given mercy by Yahshua for the sins I nailed Him to the stake for. I had to look

through Yahshua's eyes; the pain, suffering that I sent my Savior to the stake for, and ask myself was it as bad as what my mother did to me? I realized I had cause my Savior severe pain and no one could hurt me as bad as I hurt Him. When I realized the suffering I caused Him, I canceled her debt to me. Then, I was blessed. I was set free. I purpose each day to make it a habit and ask, "Whose debt do I need to cancel?" to help me remember Yahshua canceled my debt, and therefore, I should be just as merciful.

Matt. 5:7, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain Mercy."

FREEDOM THROUGH FORGIVENESS!

Forgiveness is releasing an offender emotionally and accepting any consequences not committed by justice.

Clear Conscience: "I do purpose to gain a conscience void of offense toward You and toward others. I pray that You will give me grace as I humble myself and ask forgiveness of each one whom I have wronged in the past."

Asking and Requesting Forgiveness: "Yahweh, I do now fully forgive those who have offended me. I ask You to forgive me for taking up offenses for others. Give me wisdom to know how I can invest something of value in the lives of my offenders."

How To Turn Bitterness Into Forgiveness:

1. List their offenses.
2. List your offenses.
3. Identify attitudes.
4. Purpose to ask Forgiveness from Yahweh and man.
5. Relive your offenses.

1. List Their Offenses:

There are at least two reasons for beginning with a list of offenses which others have committed toward us before we deal with our own guilt. First, we tend to balance guilt with blame, and therefore, never effectively deal with either one. Secondly, we usually concentrate more on blaming others than we do on our guilt. By writing down why we blame them, we remove a major distraction in dealing with our own offenses. Another purpose for writing down why we blame them is that we remove a major distraction in dealing with our own offense.

2. List Your Offenses:

“It is easy to minimize our offenses, and, at the same time, blame others to justify what we did. Therefore, it would be very wise to begin this next step by asking [Yahweh] to revive your memory. If I were to ask those who are offended with me what I did against them, what would they say?”

3. Identify Attitudes:

There are two essential reasons why wrong attitudes must be confessed before wrong actions. The first reason is that wrong attitudes are usually more hurtful and offensive than wrong words or actions. The second reason is that if the offending attitude is not corrected the [one] who is being asked forgiveness is instinctively aware that the same offense will likely be repeated.

List of Attitudes, which were:

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| 1. Proud | 7. Deceptive |
| 2. Willful | 8. Presumptuous |
| 3. Selfish | 9. Ungrateful |
| 4. Unreliable | 10. Disloyal |
| 5. Unconcerned | 11. Insensitive |
| 6. Angry | 12. Resentful |

4. Purpose to Ask Forgiveness: From Yahweh and Man

Begin with those whom you have offended the most. [Yahweh] is the One whom we have offended the most. If we fail to understand this fact and to act upon it, [Yahweh’s] blessing will be missing from our lives when we go to ask forgiveness of others. Asking forgiveness of [Yahweh] requires that we trace our offenses to the violation of His Commandments.

Pry: “O [Yahweh], I have sinned against You by my lack of love for You which is manifested by my offense toward (Name of the [living soul]). I confess this sin to You and thank Your for Your faithfulness and justice to forgive this sin and to cleanse me from all unrighteousness through the blood of Your Son, [Yahshua Messiah].” (Adapted from the “The Secrets to the Ultimate Marriage.” Copyright, 2002 by IBLP. Used by permission)

5. How Do You Relive Your Offenses?

Picture yourself as the one whom you offended. In your mind re-enact the circumstances leading up to the offense. Try to image how he or she felt when the offense came. Think through the consequences that have come into his or her life because of the offense.

Now purpose to go to that man/woman and tell them the wrong that you have done (make the confession), then say to the, “I am sorry, will you please forgive me?” “What can I do to make it up to you?” (If they do not forgive, then Yahweh will deal with their unfor-giveness; you have done your part.)

We do not need to be held captive by our negative emotions. Yahshua the Messiah calls us to be peacemakers and to forgive those who have wronged us.

Matt. 5:9, *“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of Yah-weh.”*

If someone wrongs us, how doe we respond? If we make threats or start a lawsuit, we only build walls.

Matt. 5:44, *“But I say unto you. Love your enemies. Bless them that curse you, do well to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;”*

Let us respond as the Messiah would respond:

Luke 23:34, *“Then said Yahshua, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.”*

Yahshua asked the Father to forgive us. How much more should we be asking our both-ers and sisters to forgive us and each other? It is easier for the one who has been tres-passed upon to forgive, than for the offender to ask forgiveness. Therefore, when we are offended or trespassed upon, let us be quick to forgive.

Matt. 6:14-15, *“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, you heavenly Father will also for-give you; But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will you Father forgive your trespasses.”*

All of us have need to be forgiven. It is vanity for us to ask Yahweh for forgiveness for ourselves, if we refuse to forgive those who offend us. Until one has forgiven an enemy, he has never tasted one of the most sublime enjoyments of life. He who forgives end the quarrel, and he who refuses to forgive is handed over to the tormentors, until he does.

Matt. 18:34-35, *“And his master was wrath, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him,. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespassed..”*

Chuck Swindoll said, “...You’ll never regret forging someone who doesn’t deserve it.”

Ps. 51:10, “*CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O YAHWEH AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.*”

(Psalm 115:1 is not affiliated with the organizations mentioned in this tract. The information presented here is valuable to share, but we do not agree with all their doctrine.)

Written by inspiration of Yahweh to Ps. 115:1 for His Saints.

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Matt. 10:8, “*...freely ye have received, freely give.*”

Prov. 23:23, “*Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom and instruction, and understanding.*”

Isa. 55:1, “*Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and mil without money and without price.*”

Psalm 115:1,

“Not unto us, O Yahweh, not unto us, but unto thy name give honor, for thy mercy, and for thy truth’s sake.”

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