



WELCOME

THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE,
REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!



BLESSINGS OF FORGIVENESS

Philemon
(Part 2)

REVIEW

Personal letter written by the Apostle Paul to Philemon.

The only personal epistle written while Paul was imprisoned.

Theme of the letter:

Paul is asking Philemon to be obedient to Christ and forgive Onesimus, his runaway slave.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A FORGIVER

I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints. Philemon 1:5-7 (NIV)

ACTIONS OF A FORGIVER

Not all people will seek our forgiveness.

However, we can forgive anyway.

How do we respond to people who do seek our forgiveness?

We reconcile, restore, and pay restitution.

THEOLOGY OF FORGIVENESS

We are commanded to forgive:

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

OFFENDING GOD

When ever any person offends, sins, against another we are ultimately offending God.

Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins. James 4:17 (NIV)

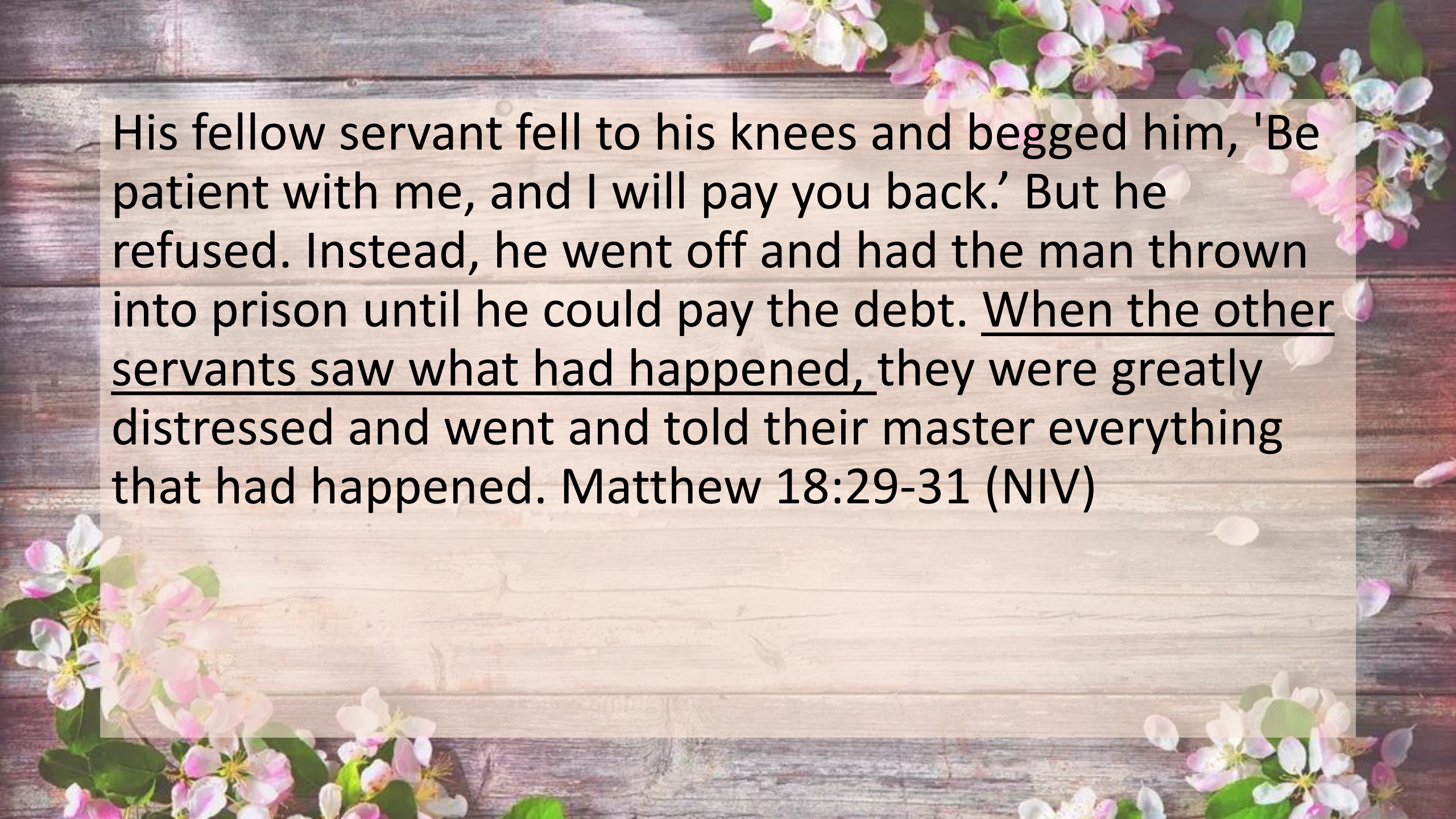
NOT FORGIVEN

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. Matthew 6:14-16 (NIV)

LOSE OUT ON BROTHERLY LOVE

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 denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. Pay back what you owe me he demanded.

Matthew 18:27-28 (NIV)



His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you 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 greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. Matthew 18:29-31 (NIV)

USURP THE AUTHORITY OF GOD

Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: It is mine to avenge; I will repay. Romans 12:19 (NIV)

UNFIT FOR WORSHIP

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)

OFFENSES MAY BE USEFUL

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4 (NIV)

JUST LIKE JESUS

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Philemon 1:21 (NIV)

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross! Phillipians 2:8 (NIV)

PARTNERS IN THE LORD

So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. Philemon 1:17 (NIV)

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, Phillipians 1:4-5 (NIV)

FULL UNDERSTANDING

So that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Philemon 1:6 (NIV)

The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. Romans 6:10 (NIV)



BLESSINGS OF FORGIVENESS

Teachings from Scripture for every Believer...

DECREASES RESENTMENT

Like water on fire, forgiveness extinguishes bitterness and resentment by eliminating its fuel. When you forgive someone, you do not excuse their actions, but you refuse to use their actions as a weapon against them. It involves an intentional decision to not dwell on the offense, but to hand the resentment and the punishment over to God.

BRINGS PEACE

Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Eph 4:26-27 (NIV)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27 (NIV)

PROMOTES LOVE

Forgiveness increases our awareness of God's love by reminding us of Jesus' death for us.

This is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:10-11 (NIV)

BRINGS AWARENESS OF OUR SIN

As your love for God grows, your desire to please God will grow as well. When your desire to please God grows you become more aware of what pleases and displeases God. The result is that you desire to please God and walk more humbly before Him and others.

...to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8 (NIV)

BRINGS RECONCILIATION

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times? Jesus answered, I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)

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A POWERFUL WITNESS

But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Luke 6:35 (NIV)



CLOSING THOUGHTS:

FORGIVENESS IS OUR HIGHEST ACT OF
LOVE.

WE ARE NEVER MORE LIKE JESUS THAN
WHEN WE FORGIVE.

TO LIVE OUR LIFE AS A FORGIVER IS
LIBERATING TO THE SOUL.

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Thank you
GOD BLESS YOUR
FAITHFULNESS TO HIM!