

## **“FORGIVENESS, THE FINAL FRONTIER”**

**Matt. 6:9-14**

***After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.***

***Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread.***

***And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.***

***And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.***

***For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:***

The church is facing massive challenge. We have modernized and revolutionized, to the point that we are almost not recognizable as it relates to Christian ethics and concepts. We liberated ourselves from oppression and bondage, but in the process of liberating ourselves, we have wounded ourselves from Christian ethics and practical theology. We have raised a generation of “name it and claim it” baby’s who just want to possess the land without ever studying what it is that they are possessing! They want to use Christianity like it was witchcraft, just to help me get what I want! When they say, “Jehovah Jireh,” they are talking about shoes, coats, and hats; cars, Mercedes, Lincoln’s, and Limo’s. They don’t know that the greatest provision that God ever made for you was His plan to come in the flesh and endure Calvary’s shame for you and I, dying for yours and my sins, to release you from bondage and degradation!

Consequently, we have raised a generation of children who have not examined their father. They have not known Him or His attitude toward them. When you say “*justification*” to this generation of Christians, they know little or nothing about it. If you minister on it, they call it “*revelation*.” We used to call it fundamental truth! If you talk about “*propitiation*,” they are just filled with

awe, not understanding that you have been covered and secured by the Blood of the Lamb. If you talk about *"adoption,"* they think that it's something that we need to boycott the white house for, they don't understand that you who were not a people, were made a people, and have been drawn nigh by the Blood of the Lamb, and adopted into the royal family, and that you are spiritually the seed of Abraham, and that you are spiritual Jews and are possessing the land in the name of the Lord; that the blessings of Abraham have come upon you by faith in Jesus Christ, Who brought you over into covenant relationship with God.

You can preach about the promises of God and they accept that. You can preach about Praise, and they accept that. But when you start preaching about the Love of God, they get really quiet. It's one of the strangest things in this generation, when you start preaching about the love of God, people stop shouting and start looking strange. This is because they don't know that the Lord loves them. And while we are doing all of this preaching about being dysfunctional, sometimes I wonder if the church itself is not dysfunctional. Anytime you raise a child, denying them the love of a father, in some way or in some area, they become incapacitated, or dysfunctional. Anytime that a child is not sure that their father loves them, they are dysfunctional.

God is our father, and the church is our mother, and the church is just wonderful, but mother doesn't have it all! If you just joined the church, then you just joined another club or movement, another fad! If you are not born of the father, then being a derivative of the church means nothing at all. It is what the Bible calls, "bastards," illegitimate children born of the mother but not recognized by the father. We are producing a lot of people who know a lot about church order, and protocol; when they sing they know how to raise their hands, but they are not connected to the Father. That's why they can live any old way, act any old way, mistreat anybody and not feel convicted, because, **"Whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth."** It is the chastening hand of the Lord, the correction of the Lord that indicates to you that you are son or a daughter, and not an illegitimate child!

We need correction. We don't want it, but we need it! The only way that you will resist correction is if you are so wonderful, great, perfect, holy, and full that you don't need to be changed, and then you are deceived! You cannot lead people into change who have fallen so in love with themselves that they will

not admit that there are errors in their life that need to be altered!

We are supposed to be peculiar, but we have become weird. We have got people that think that they are so holy that they can't talk to someone else.

*"Oh, I can't talk to you, I'm consecrated!" "I woke up this morning and blood was coming down on my windshield. It fell over the car, and all over me, and then mosquitoes came up over the blood and a voice spoke out of the steering wheel and said, 'You're mine,' and suddenly the gas tank began to sound like a drum and there was a voice coming out of the radio, it wasn't the radio, but it was coming out of the radio, and an angel sat beside me all the way to work and told me that if I would just keep my hands out of the hairbrush and just knit them together, that where ever I put the hair, there would be healing, and I don't need to be pastored anymore, because I have reached a point that I don't need human ministry. I have come to a point that nobody can teach me anything because there are these voices speaking to me. I came to the church, but these voices are leading me out, and I am going to be going over here to work with Sis. So and So for a while!"* They get over there for a while and the voices lead them out of there too! That is a bondage and it needs to be broken!

You need to learn God's attitude toward you! You need to learn how to be stable and steadfast. You need to know how He feels about you, how much He love you. How that He will put you in adverse situations to affect His character in you. God creates, by allowing you to work with hateful, obnoxious people, an opportunity for you to understand what He goes through working with you. When you ask for patience, He gives you rebellious children. When you ask for Godly love, He gives you a bad marriage and tells you, "Now love this!"

It's a tragedy that we don't know, that according to the Book of Ephesians, that, **"We are accepted in the beloved!"** You don't have to get weird and strange, trying to win His approval. Through the Blood of Jesus, you are already in the family; you have a right; you are already there through the Blood of the Lamb! He loves you! He cares about you!

Now God has a problem, and I want to share it with you. He has a communication problem: because God has an awesome responsibility of trying to communicate an infinite mind to a finite understanding. He says, **"My thoughts are above your thoughts, my ways are above your ways!"** He says that when

He gets ready to make Himself known unto you, ***“There are many things that I would desire to tell you, but because you are carnal, I can’t do it!”*** It is very difficult for Him to be able to find somebody who understands Who He is. ***“Who do men say that I the Son of Man am? Some say that thou art Elias, some say that thou art Jeremias, some say that thou art a great prophet.” He says, “I can deal with ‘some say,’ I can deal with gossip.” “I know that I am going to be controversial.” “But I have been pouring myself into you, now; Whom do YOU say that I am?”*** And out of twelve men, only one gave Him a decent answer. ***“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!” Jesus said, “Flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto you, but My father which is in heaven, and upon this Rock I will build My church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it!” “I am going to build my church upon revelation knowledge, upon understanding Who I am!”***

Who do you say that He is? Because the church is built upon your own individual revelation of Who your God is. You know who your great preachers are, great singers, who’s got the greatest choir, the biggest ministry’s, you know about all of that, now, who is God? Who is your father? The first thing He teaches us in the Lords Prayer, is to say, ***“Our father...”*** But what is a father, especially if we didn’t have one? What does that mean, ***“Our father?”*** Is that the guy that left us? The one who raged at my mother? Is that who He is saying He is to me? Is that like the one who molested, abuse, or mistreated me? Father? What is a father?

Communication is a problem, when a functional God speaks to a dysfunctional people. It’s because we have no point of reference to understand what He means when He says, ***“I so loved you!”*** Who else “so loved” you? So, you are not impressed by that because you have no point of reference. You really are not hearing what He is saying, because you don’t have anything to relate it to, so it just kind of hits your head and drips off of you onto the floor. So when god gets ready to make anybody understand what He really means, He goes through some radical changes in order to communicate.

Men like Abraham, who was the “friend of God.” When you are a “friend of God,” the Bible said that ***“The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him, and He shall show them His covenant.”*** When you are His friend, He will show you things that He doesn’t show other people! And so, He says, ***“Abraham, we***

*are so close, I want you to know how I feel about you. I want you to understand Who I am, and what I am going to do. Shhhhh! I am going to tell you My secret!" "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, and go to Mount Moriah to worship. I want you to take the son that you have been waiting on all your life, and prepare not an offering, but a burnt offering. I want you to get sticks and wood and fire, and a huge butcher knife, take you son up on that hill and lay his body on an altar, put wood up under him and prepare to sacrifice him to Me!" "You know how to do it. You used to do it with lambs. I want you to do it with your son. Prepare to do gut him and set him on fire!"*

Why are You wanting him to do that? Is it that you want a human sacrifice? No, because He stopped him short of stabbing his son to death! God knew that Isaac's blood could not redeem the world. So, He was not after Isaac's blood, He was after Abraham's understanding! He wanted Abraham to understand what a sacrifice it was going to take to deliver this world from the mess it was in. God was communicating, explaining, Himself!

God understands that pain is not pain until you feel it. Sacrifice is not sacrifice until you feel it! A problem is not a problem until it is in your house! When it is in her house, it's gossip; when it's in your house, it's a matter of prayer!

So when God gets ready to communicate to some choice disciples, He exposed them to some degrading circumstances, so that through their interaction with chaotic situations they could better feel what God felt. So that they could understand through their relationships on earth, what God was doing in heaven! *"Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven..."* *"Whatsoever you bind on earth, shall be bound in Heaven, and whatsoever you loose on earth, shall be loosed in Heaven!"* He was saying, *"I want you to act out on earth, what I am doing in Heaven, and when you do it on earth, you are going to understand what I have done in Heaven!"* *"This is a drama, and you have got to become involved and play out the part, or you are going to miss what I am saying to you, because I have given you words, and My Words have not moved you!"* *"But if you take something that cost you something, and lay it on the altar, then you will understand the expense I paid to get you out of the mess that you keep trying to go back into!"* *"Then maybe you will appreciate the price I paid for you!"*

Then He speaks to another man and says, ***“Hosea, great prophet and man of God; so you are ready to take a bride, young man?” “I have picked one out for you!” “Go down to the Red-light district, there’s one that I have waiting for you!” “You will find her on the corner that she has always worked!” “You want me to go down there and witness, Lord?” “No, I want you to go down and marry her!” “I want you to marry her because I want you to understand what I feel like, being married to Israel!” “I want you to fall in love with a tramp!” “I want you to fall in love with somebody who is in love with somebody else!” “I want you to reach out to somebody and see distraction in their eyes, so that you can understand that when I get ready to embrace you, and your mind is on something else, I want you to understand what I feel like, trying to love you!”***

God communicates through circumstances and situations that we might better begin to realize what He is going through with us. Whatever you are going through, and whoever you are going through it with, understand that God has gone through far more, dealing with you! Not who you appear to be, but who you really are! I am not talking about your nice outfit, and your hairdo, or your “praise the Lord,” or your “spiritual warfare,” no way, I’m talking about who you are when you put all of that stuff off and you go home of an evening! I’m talking about the warfare that goes on between your two ears and your mind, the things you have to fight and wrestle with and overcome. That’s the battleground. You haven’t won the victory until you have won it between your two ears. Don’t pay that car any mind, nor that job either, it means absolutely nothing. You can be rich and be miserable! Women spend all that money fixing their face up and don’t know that you can be beautiful and be frustrated, depressed and suicidal! Be built like the proverbial coca-cola bottle and still be upset, frustrated and at the end of your rope and nobody know what it going on with you!

I want to talk about women for a minute. You know, I’ve read a lot and dealt a lot with people, and in that time have dealt with a lot of ladies. In spite of the knowledge that I have, intellectually and inspirationally, I still see women from a male perspective. I have come to the conclusion that in spite of women being lovely, beautiful, nice, and all of those things, they are basically strange! When you deal with children, they can get in an fuss with a child across the street, and be man enough to kill them, hate their guts, stomp on their mother’s grave,

say ugly things about them and throw rocks across the fence, on Tuesday, and by Wednesday, they will be trading sandwiches on the bus going to school! It's only the crazy parents who jump into the middle of the mess and end up not speaking for twenty years! Children let things pass from them. They get angry, but they don't stay angry long. They release their anger and become best friends and the parents are still rolling their eyes at each other! No wonder Jesus said, **"Except ye come as little children...."**

Speaking of men now, you know men get angry but they really don't stay angry long. The guy that he is upset and angry with, the problem he is having on the job, or in his ministry, or in his church; he comes home, shares with the wife, he doesn't know what to do, they treated him like a dog, it makes the wife so mad that she is ready to get in the car and go do war with those dirty scoundrels! Two weeks later he don't even know what you are talking about when you ask him how it is going!?!

***"You mean you are going out to lunch with WHO?" "Are you brain dead?" "Don't you remember what they did to you?" "You are so foolish!" "You don't act like you got good sense, Jim!" "Why do you keep them do you like that?" "Don't you know how they are?" "Why don't you just hate them forever!"***

Many women have a real struggle with forgiveness. I mean a real struggle. I don't mean no superficial thing. I mean a down deep heart wrenching struggle with forgiveness. We have got women doing spiritual warfare, interceding, and praying and worshiping, dancing and travailing, giving and teaching, and giving workshops, who are so angry at other women that when they see them come into the room their blood runs cold. It can be over the craziest things. "I just don't like her!" "She thinks she is just so much!" "Well, what did she do?" "It's not so much what she did, it's how she looks!" "You ought to see the way she looks when she comes in!" "You didn't see the way she looks!" "I saw her!" "She thinks I'm crazy, but I saw her!" All the while they are just a singing!

**"Our father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven, Give us this day our daily bread, FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, (uh-oh), as we forgive our debtors.....!"**



Are you really ready to pray this prayer? Are you sure you want God to do that?

Do you really want God to treat you like you treat some people? Oh I know they had it coming and they really did something wrong, but haven't you? Do you really want God to remember as long as you do? Every time you get ready to come into His presence, do you want Him to feel what you feel, every time she walks into the room? Or Him? The one who did you wrong? Abused you! Belittled you! Mistreated you! All you have to do is think about him and you could just scream! You just don't understand how somebody could mistreat somebody who has been as good as you have been! Have you ever cheated on the Lord? As good as He has been to you!?!

It's the only part of the prayer that the Lord explains. *".....Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen."* I thought as I read it that He was through, because "Amen" means "I'm through." But in verse fourteen, He goes right back into it again! *".....For IF ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly father will also forgive you!"* Isn't that a terrible "*IF*." Has anybody got any white-out? We need to white that out and erase that "*IF*" we have got to get that out of there because it suggests that my relationship with God is being hindered because of my relationship with people! It suggests that He could nurture me more dearly and hold me more nearly if I would move some of those "ought's" out of the way! Well, it would be easier to erase it than confront it, wouldn't it? Oh yes, because it is hard to confront!

Theoretically, any of you can teach forgiveness! We know these scriptures! But it is in the applying them that we have problems. If there is anyone that can walk in this room, or sit down beside you, or say something to you that alters your mood and attitude, then you are a slave to that person! If there is anybody that can make an entrance into your room and break through your worship, you are a slave! If you can hear their voice, or see their picture, and your blood boils, you are a slave! I don't care how you skip and dance, do warfare and worship and everything else; as long as the enemy can wave them in front of you like a red flag in front of a bull, and your nostrils flare, you are a slave!

Why would you give that much power to another person? To allow them



to infect and affect you just by being in the room, is too much power for you to give anybody!

What are we going to do? The giants keep on coming! If you don't have a release valve, you are in trouble! The pressure keeps on mounting from your childhood! From dysfunctional family history!

Sin came in from Adam. From Adam forward, every child, son and marriage was affected by the sin nature, and they were dysfunctional! Dysfunctional means that it doesn't operate the way that it was created to operate. No man from Adam forward has operated correctly, until we get to Jesus! Adam was created in the image and likeness of God, and until he sinned, he carried that likeness and image, but when he fell into sin, he lost that image! So much so that when God came looking through the garden, He was looking for Himself, and Adam was no longer a picture of Himself, and so He said, "Adam, where art thou?" "You don't look like you did a few minutes ago, because there is no way that you can lay down with the dogs and not get fleas!" "Sin' has affected you and you are not reflecting the glory like you used to!" "Adam! Where art thou?" "Where is the man that I created?" "Where are you?" "I created you in My likeness and Image, I created you functional, and now I am seeing a dysfunctional, fearful, intimidated, insecure, phoney, fictitious, lying, hypocritical vegetable of a man, hiding he and his wife behind fig leaves, he is lying and they are blaming each other, making excuses to each other, each one is saying that we are in this mess because of the other!

Adam knew his wife, and she bore a son and his name was Cain, and she bore again, and his name was Abel, and Adam knew his wife again and she bore a son and his name was Seth, and each one of these sons were created in the likeness of their fallen father. They were born dysfunctional. In the first family, the brothers waged war, committed murder in the field, because the first family was dysfunctional!

Every other family, black, white, red, or yellow, was born out of the loins of Adam, and there is a level of dysfunction. We don't all express it the same, or air it the same, but there is dysfunction.

Here we are needing Jesus Christ to put back our lives, because like Cain

and Abel, we are still violently angry, brother against brother, sister against sister! There is war in the family! God say, "I will not bless you with heavenly blessings, as long as you mistreat and violate each other!" Just the way you feel about your children, when they start arguing and fighting, there are a lot of things you won't do, "As long as you act like this, I'm not going to do it!" I have come to tell you that somebody is holding your ticket to your next move of God! As long as you are angry, hostile, and upset with them, they are hindering you from some blessings that God wants to rain down in your life! It's not going to rain in your life until you let go!

The word for "forgiveness" in the Greek, means to send forth! To send forth! (Blow breath out!) I just sent forth breath out of my body! That which was in me, I sent it forth, I put it out! When forgiveness comes, that means I sent it forth. "That means I put it out of me!" "It has nothing to do with what anyone else does, or what you decide to do, or how you feel about it, but I am getting it out of me!" "It's making me sick, I'm getting it out of me!" "It's binding up my prayer life, I'm getting it out of me!" "It's hindering my joy!" "My nerves are upset, my heart is pounding, I'm getting it out of me!" "This hatred is not worth it, I am going to sent it forth out of me!" "I'm going to let it go!"

***Matt. 18:21-35***

***Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times?***

***Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.***

That's a lot of times to forgive someone, and also a lot of times to be violated. Your response each time, is to forgive them. Sometimes you don't forgive because you feel like if you do, everybody will think that you are weak. I am saying that if you don't forgive, then you are weak! If you don't let go of the thing that is controlling you, then you are a slave to it! It takes a lot of strength to forgive somebody and let them go! Jesus said, that no matter what they do, don't let nobody hold your ticket, send it forth! When they try to pull your chain, just sent it forth! Abort the seed of unforgiveness! Sent it forth! Say, "You can't stay here, and impregnate me with envy, malice, hatred, strife, and

confusion, I'm sending it forth!" Abort it out of you spirit, mind, emotions, and out of your soul! Sent it forth! If you never get one more thing done in any week that you live, there is one thing that you need to learn to do and that is how to send it forth!

That's the thing that you got to learn how to do, you got to learn how to release it, sent it out of your spirit, out of your mind where you will not allow the enemy to have control over you! No matter how many times it comes, I must always release it over and over again, because I don't want a build up of unforgiveness to come into my life!

There you are, still angry about old issues that should have already been settled! But because you didn't send them forth, they just add up and add up until you are frustrated all of the time. When are you going to get rid of all that garbage? How do have room to be that angry at that many people? No wonder you are sick! No wonder tumors and cancers are attacking your body! Send it forth!

Let's go back to reading!

***Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.***

***And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.***

***But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.***

***The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.***

***Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.***

Some folks have not been moved with compassion for years. Not for people who have mistreated you. You have not been moved with compassion. When they fell into misfortune, some folks were downright glad: You were not

moved with compassion! “Boy, they got what was coming to them” “What goes around, comes around!” They’ve even got a scripture to quote! “Be not deceived, God is not mocked! For whatsoever a man soweth, THAT shall he also reap!” There you are rejoicing in iniquity, glad at their calamity, full of hatred, envy and strife, saying that you are going to do warfare and going to pray for them. The devil is a liar, don’t you lay hands on me. I don’t want to be infected with all that hatred, malice and strife! There you are praying that they will go through what you went through, praying that they will mess up! Using your prayer life to manipulate God into hating somebody because you don’t like them! God is not going to dog me just because you don’t like me! No more than your children are going to go out in the yard, and get into a fight and each one come in and tell you what the other did, you are not going to take a butcher knife and run out in the yard and stab Susie because she slapped Mary! Regardless of who is right and who is wrong, they are both your children, and whether you want to admit it or not, your enemy is still God’s child, and God is not going to kill them just because you don’t like them!

How many of you have ever seen God bless somebody that had gotten on your nerves? You didn’t want to admit it you didn’t want to receive it, but it was so anyway! God is saying, “I am not going to act like a child just because you are acting like one!”

Let’s sing a song!

*“I shall not be, I shall not be moved!”*

*“I shall not be, I shall not be moved!”*

*“Just like a tree, planted by the waters!”*

*“I shall not be moved!”*

*“I remember what you did to me, I shall not forget!”*

*“I’ll not let you speak to me, I shall not be moved!”*

*“Just like a tree, planted by the waters!”*

*“I shall not be moved!”*

The character illustration depicts God! Even God was moved! Some have not moved for years.

How many of you had your mother ask you an embarrassing question? Mother's can ask the most embarrassing questions, at the craziest times! Like, "Have your bowels moved today?" "Well, uh, I don't know, I haven't thought about it." "Do we have to discuss this in front of all our friends?" "Can you ask me that when we get home!" "I'm feeling better now!" "We don't even need to have this conversation!" You see, I was worried about my image, she was worried about my health! She knew that if my body did not throw off all those pollutants that were not good for me, then I would become sick and die! She was willing to risk my embarrassment to make sure that it was well with me. The body was designed to consume what it needs and throw away what it doesn't! I have come to tell you that many of you are spiritually constipated! Oh boy, you have made all this effort to get out to the House of God tonight for the preacher to tell you that you are constipated!

If you are not throwing off things that are negative, that you don't need, things that are hindering you, and getting rid of poisons, if you are not sending it forth, then you are constipated! Irregular! Hateful! Moody! Frustrated! Laying hands on people and they are not being healed, because too many pollutants that should have been thrown off are festering up in your spirit and mind and they are affecting you. You need a release! Let it go!

I guess you would say that this is a laxative message! What would we do without these laxative messages?

Let's read again!

***But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.***

***And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.***

***And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.***

***So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.***

*Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:*

*Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?*

*And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.*

It makes God angry for you to hold a grudge. As much as He has forgiven about you, it makes Him angry for you not to convey to other people the comfort where with you have been comforted! You could be skipping, dancing and worshiping before a God Who is wroth. Before a God Who doesn't even want to hear from you. Who says, "Leave your gift at the altar, I don't even want it!" "Go and reconcile with your brother, and then you can worship Me and I can be blessed by your dance!"

Are you being tormented in your mind, emotions and heart? Are you tormenting? Because if you are tormenting, then you are being tormented! You are not going to be released, until you release that person that you are holding hostage within the archives of your own anger and hostility! Now skip all you want to, get everybody to lay hands on you, dump oil all over your head till you are just as greasy as a chitlin,' ***but if you don't release them, then it is tormenting you!***

You can be angry about somebody that is not even thinking about you! They have gone on with their life and business and are not even thinking about you! There you are, sitting up at night, boiling mad, and all upset, while they are having a time, and you are a slave to your own mind and emotions!

I came to tell you and this church, that it is time to get on with the program and our life! Release the old bondages, and old issues and frustrations! Declare your liberty, your independence, and break the chain between you and your past!

The thing that keeps you bound to your past is the chain of unforgiveness! It is the final frontier, and it must be broken for you to finally be free! You are not free until you can let your past go!

***So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.***

God is going to do you the same way. He is going to be wroth, and deliver you to your tormenters. ***“Likewise” means “In the same way!” “.....IF ye from your hearts!”*** “Where’s the white-out?” “Quick!” From your hearts, not your heads! ***“Every one his brother!”***

Man this sure is hard message, isn’t it? You know the Bible said:

***1 Pet 3:3-4***

***Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;***

***But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.***

God was saying, “I want you to spend more time beautifying your heart, than you do beautifying your face! The areas that we should have been hard on, we have been loose! We have had everybody looking holy, and just as hateful as can be! You have never really been “dogged out” until one of those good old sanctified Holy Pharisees have gotten a hold on you!

We fixed up the outside, but the inside was horrible and hateful!

I want to tell you something! God wants your heart perfected before Him! The scriptures say, ***“None but the pure in heart shall see God!”*** The word “pure” comes from the Greek word, “catharsis” which means to be cleaned out! All the debris that has been collecting in your heart is the thing that is keeping you from seeing a mighty move of God! You will never see a mighty move of God until you let all of that junk go!

How do I get over this? How do I let it go?

You will never get over it as long as you think it matters! As long as you think that whoever hurt you, stopped you from getting what God wanted you to



have! As long as you worshiped them and worshiped what they did, as if that aborted the plan of God in your life, and esteemed the acts of men over the acts of God, and honestly believed that they hindered you from getting what God wanted you to have, as long as you worship them, they are an idol in your life, and as long as you are bowing at the shrine of an incident, or accident, and God said, **"Thou shalt have no other Gods before Me!"**

**You will only be able to forgive them when you find out that it really didn't matter!** "All things work together for good, to them that love the Lord, who are the called according to His purpose!" God will bring good things out of bad things! It didn't make you weaker! It made you stronger! Directed you! Strengthened you! Gave you staying power! Empowered you! They might have meant it for evil, but God meant it for good!

They had really dogged Joseph. Lied on him. Threw him in a pit. Sold him into slavery! Have you ever had anybody to lie on you? Got any hot rumors out on you? Join the Club! People flatter you when they lie on you! When they put rumors out on you, what's a compliment! Have you ever noticed that they don't put rumors out on bag ladies? You don't hear no gossip about her! It's because people don't deem her important enough to put out a rumor on her! If they thought enough of you to start a rumor on you, then you must be somebody! People put out rumors on people that they are afraid of! They try to kill people that are going places, because they are intimidated about them, and the last weapon the enemy has is a rumor, and he will always send it out against you! If you become angry and frustrated, vindictive and start arguing, trying to prove them wrong, you have fallen prey to the rumor! You are always held hostage by the rumor! You are always getting blessed, but you are not enjoying the blessing, because you are getting blessed so you can say to somebody who don't like you, "See, I made it anyway!" What you don't understand, is no matter how much God gives you, there are some people that are not going to change their mind about you regardless! We need to quit worshiping their opinion as if they were the end-all of your destiny and future! It doesn't matter what they think! Not what they said! When God gets ready to bless you, He will bless you anyway! Don't be blessed to prove nothing to anybody! You can be blessed with all blessings and they will still say you are bad! You got to be able to take a lickin' and keep on tickin.'

It's not what other people say about you that matters, it's what you say about yourself! What do you think about you! It don't matter what I see, it matters what you see!

Joseph went through all those changes! (go through story)

**Gen 41:50-52**

**And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him.**

**And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.**

**And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.**

I am naming my first born "Manasseh" because I want the devil to know that I have let it go! I am not going to hold on to it anymore!

The second he named "Ephraim" because even when they threw me into a hellish situation, I still got a Heavenly blessing! I am naming him "Ephraim" to say, "It just don't even matter what they did to Me!"