

Forgiveness

How Important is forgiveness between each other? Is it essential to forgive others who may offend us in some way? What about forgiveness between YHVH and us? Is it a given? Can we earn his forgiveness?

Between Us

NKJ **Matthew 6:15** "But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Here we clearly see the crux of the matter. If we can't forgive others who sin against us, the Father will not forgive our sins against him. Pretty simple. I admit that I have sinned against some people and asked forgiveness but have not received it.

NKJ **Matthew 6:14** "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

NLT **Matthew 6:12** and forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us.

SV **Luke 17:3** Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him,

ESV **Luke 17:4** and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

NKJ **Ephesians 4:31** Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

NKJ **Matthew 5:21** " You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.'

NKJ **Matthew 5:22** "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. *It is not the letter of the law followed, or legalism, but the spiritual intent of the heart that counts. We follow the Law spiritually.*

What Should We Do?

NKJ **Ephesians 4:32** And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as Elohim in the Messiah forgave you.

NKJ **Colossians 3:12** Therefore, as *the* elect of Elohim, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering.

NKJ **Colossians 3:13** bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as The Messiah forgave you, so you also *must do*.

NKJ **James 2:8** If you really fulfill *the* royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well;
And the law says....

NKJ **Leviticus 19:18** 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I *am* YHVH.

NKJ **Colossians 3:13** bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as The Messiah forgave you, so you also *must do*.

NKJ **Matthew 5:23** "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

NKJ **Matthew 5:24** "leave your gift there before the altar and go your way. **First be reconciled to your brother**, and then come and offer your gift.

NLT **1 Peter 3:9** Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate when people say unkind things about you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what Elohim wants you to do, and he will bless you for it.

NKJ **Galatians 6:1** Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

ESV **1 Peter 4:8** Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

KJV **Romans 13:10** Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

What if I Choose Not To Forgive?

NKJ **John 13:34** "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

NKJ **John 14:24** "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

NKJ **1 John 4:20** If someone says, "I love Elohim," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love Elohim whom he has not seen?

NKJ **1 John 4:21** And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves Elohim *must* love his brother also.

The Parable of the Accounts

NKJ **Matthew 18:23** "Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

NKJ **Matthew 18:24** "And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

NKJ **Matthew 18:25** "But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

NKJ **Matthew 18:26** "The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

NKJ **Matthew 18:27** "Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

NKJ **Matthew 18:28** "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

NKJ **Matthew 18:29** "So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

NKJ **Matthew 18:30** "And he would not but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

NKJ **Matthew 18:31** "So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

NKJ **Matthew 18:32** "Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

NKJ **Matthew 18:33** 'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'

NKJ **Matthew 18:34** "And his master was angry and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

NKJ **Matthew 18:35** "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

How important is forgiveness between us? It is actually one reason some will NOT make it into the Kingdom of YHVH!

NKJ **Romans 12:17** Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

NLT **Matthew 18:21** Then Peter came to him and asked, "YHVH, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?"

NKJ **Matthew 18:22** Ya'sha said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

We should find an endless will to forgive others. The Messiah forgives us in that he forgave those who tortured him and killed him on the cross. Can we not forgive each other?

NKJ **Luke 6:37** " Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

NKJ **Luke 6:27** " But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies (*even if they are your brothers...and they can be*), do good to those who hate you,

NKJ **Isaiah 66:5** Hear the word of YHVH, you who tremble at His word: "Your brethren who hated you, who cast you out for My name's sake, said, 'Let YHVH be glorified, that we may see your joy.' But they shall be ashamed."

NKJ **Proverbs 25:21** If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;

KJV **Acts 7:59** And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *Elohim*, and saying, YHVH Ya'sha, receive my spirit.

KJV **Acts 7:60** And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, YHVH, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Even Stephen, while being murdered, asked for forgiveness for those stoning him.

And of the Messiah?

NKJ **Ephesians 1:7** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

NKJ **Acts 2:38** Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Ya'sha the Messiah for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

NKJ **Acts 4:12** "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

KJV **Luke 23:34** Then said Ya'sha, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment and cast lots.

If Ya'sha can forgive those who tortured and murdered him, can't we forgive each other?

NLT **Matthew 26:28** for this is my blood, which seals the covenant between Elohim and his people. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many.

KJV **Acts 10:43** To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

NKJ **1 John 2:2** And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

ESV **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of Elohim,
It is only through YHVH's mercy that we are saved from the Second Death, the Lake of Fire, which is what we deserve. It is the faith of Ya'sha the Messiah that saves us. Our faith and righteousness are not enough. We must have that same faith in us that was in Ya'sha. The ONLY way to have that is through the Holy Spirit living inside us. Our faith in the death and most importantly, the resurrection of Ya'sha is how we are saved. It is a non-repayable gift YHVH gave to humankind. He loves us that much.

ESV **Romans 8:16** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of Elohim,

KJV **Acts 13:38** Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

What the Messiah Did for Us

NKJ **Isaiah 53:1** Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of YHVH been revealed?

NKJ **Isaiah 53:2** For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire Him.
He was not handsome.

NKJ **Isaiah 53:3** He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.
He was hated. His own rejected him. Here is the creator of all things, sorrowful and sad for us. We do not even think twice about him.

NKJ **Isaiah 53:4** Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by Elohim, and afflicted.
"This poor sad man is rejected by YHVH!"

NKJ **Isaiah 53:5** But He was wounded for our transgressions, *He* was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

NKJ **Isaiah 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, everyone, to his own way; And YHVH has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
Yet, in spite of all he did, we still stray away. Our sins caused his torture and there are times we forget this.

NKJ **Isaiah 53:7** He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

ESV **Matthew 26:50** Ya'sha said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands-on Ya'sha and seized him.

ESV **Luke 22:49** And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "YHVH, shall we strike with the sword?"

ESV **Matthew 26:51** And behold, one of those who were with Ya'sha stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

ESV **Luke 22:51** But Ya'sha said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

ESV **Matthew 26:53** Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?
He could have opted out of this sacrifice, but he did not.

ESV **Isaiah 53:8** By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

NKJ **Isaiah 50:6** I gave My back to those who struck *Me*, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

ESV **Isaiah 53:9** And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

ESV **Luke 23:34** And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."
He wasn't just asking for forgiveness for the Romans or the Jews, but for us as well because our sins killed him.

^{ESV} **Isaiah 53:10** Yet it was the will of YHVH to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of YHVH shall prosper in his hand.

What About the Forgiveness of YHVH?

^{NKJ} **Isaiah 1:18** " Come now, and let us reason together," Says YHVH, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

^{NKJ} **Micah 7:18** Who *is* an Elohim like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights *in* mercy.

^{NKJ} **Psalms 103:10** He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities.

^{NKJ} **Psalms 103:11** For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

^{NKJ} **Psalms 103:12** As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

^{NKJ} **Psalms 103:13** As a father pities *his* children, So YHVH pities those who fear Him.

^{NKJ} **Psalms 103:14** For He knows our frame; He remembers that we *are* dust.

^{NKJ} **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of Elohim *is* eternal life in The Messiah Ya'sha our Master.

^{KJV} **John 3:16** For Elohim so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

^{NKJ} **John 3:17** "For Elohim did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

^{NKJ} **Psalms 86:5** For You, YHVH, *are* good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

^{NIV} **Colossians 1:13** For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

^{NIV} **Colossians 1:14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

^{ESV} **Hebrews 10:17** then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

ESV **Hebrews 10:10** And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Ya'sha the Messiah once for all.

Animal sacrifices could NEVER forgive sins. They were a reminder of our sins. They pointed to the sacrifice of Ya'sha as THE only sacrifice sufficient enough to pay for our sins.

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NKJ **Isaiah 43:25** " I, *even I, am* He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.

NKJ **Hebrews 8:12** "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

NKJ **Jeremiah 3:12** "Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: 'Return, backsliding Israel,' says YHVH; 'I will not cause My anger to fall on you. For I *am* merciful,' says YHVH; 'I will not remain angry forever.

How Do We Obtain the Forgiveness of YHVH?

NKJ **Deuteronomy 5:29** 'Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

NKJ **Joel 2:13** So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to YHVH your Elohim, For He *is* gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.

NLT **1 John 1:8** If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth.

NKJ **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

NKJ **1 John 1:10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

KJV **Romans 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of Elohim;

NKJ **1 John 2:1** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Ya'sha The Messiah the righteous.

ESV **Psalm 32:5** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to YHVH," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

ESV **Proverbs 28:13** Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

ESV **Acts 3:19** Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of YHVH, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, Ya'sha,

KJV **Isaiah 55:7** Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto YHVH, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our Elohim, for he will abundantly pardon.

NKJ **2 Chronicles 7:14** "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

NKJ **Isaiah 43:25** " I, *even* I, *am* He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.

NKJ **Isaiah 43:26** Put Me in remembrance; Let us contend together; State your *case*, that you may be acquitted.

ESV **Acts 22:16** And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'

NKJ **Psalm 103:2** Bless YHVH, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

NKJ **Psalm 103:3** Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases,

NKJ **Psalm 103:4** Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

NKJ **Psalm 103:5** Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*, *so that* your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

NKJ **Psalm 103:6** YHVH executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

NKJ **Psalm 51:1** To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone into Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O Elohim, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

David committed a very grievous sin. Not only had he took another man's wife, he had Uriah killed in battle.

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NKJ **Psalm 51:2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

NKJ **Psalm 51:3** For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin *is* always before me.

NKJ **Psalm 51:4** Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in your sight -- That you may be found just when you speak, *and* blameless when you judge.

NKJ **Psalm 130:2** YHVH, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

NKJ **Psalm 130:3** If You, YHVH, should mark iniquities, O YHVH, who could stand?

NKJ **Psalm 130:4** But *there is* forgiveness with You, that You may be feared (*respected*).

NKJ **Psalm 130:7** O Israel, hope in YHVH; For with YHVH *there is* mercy, and with Him *is* abundant redemption.

NKJ **Psalm 130:8** And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.