

Sermon Title:
"Forgive Us Our Debts"
Matthew 6

INTRODUCTION:

I. The Truth I Forget "I Have a Debt I Can't Pay"

A. My forgetting produces an attitude of superiority.

1. The word "debt" means to be in the position of owing something.

2. A "transgression" (v. 15) is what creates the debt.

3. In Luke 11:4 "sin" means to miss the mark with an arrow.

B. My forgetting hurts my relationship with God. Two kinds of forgiveness:

1. Salvific or judicial forgiveness.

2. Relational forgiveness (See John 13).

II. The Attitude I Forsake: I Forsake a Forgiving Spirit

A. An illustration of the principle of biblical forgiveness—
Matthew 18:21ff—how many times do I forgive?

1. The man owes amount equal to 190,000 years wages. i.e. he had a debt he could not pay.

2. But he thinks he can pay it back.

3. The man had a servant who had a debt that it would take 100 days to pay.

4. When he was unforgiving Jesus says turn him over to the tormentors.

B. The application of the principle of biblical forgiveness 6:14, 15.

CONCLUSION: