

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Friday 17th March 2023

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Forgiveness

Many people don't find it easy to forgive. Some if they forgive, they don't forget. Forgiving those who betray us without apology can be one of the greatest challenges in life. To forgive is to love. It's often those closest to us that we find it difficult to forgive.

Maybe it is only then it may become obvious to us that forgiveness is not easy. The parable of the Prodigal Son is a parable of forgiveness, and it is one of the most famous parables in the Bible. Once the Prodigal son realized the depth of his mistake and his misery, he decided to go back to his father. On his return, he said to his father "I have sinned against heaven and earth" (Luke 15.12). His Father celebrates his return with a banquet, and says "bring the fattened calf, kill it, let's eat and celebrate"

David the Psalmist experienced the same, by saying "you only have I sinned, and I have done evil in your sight (Psalm 51.4).

The Psalmist experienced the same. "You prepared a table before me in the presence of my enemies, You anoint my head with oil, and my cup overflows" (Psalm 23. 5). The study of scriptures helps us to receive the wisdom and treasure into the light of God's forgiveness.

Forgiveness is a great idea until we have someone to forgive. Then it becomes clear that forgiving and letting go doesn't come easy or naturally. We all have to work on it, a way to understand this is to have the gift of insight into how we can receive the power to forgive. Forgiveness is divine, and we need God's help and grace.

Bible Passage: [Matthew 18. 21 -35](#)