

The God of a Second Chance

Matthew 18:21-22 (KJV)

²¹ Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? ²² Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Giving Honor to God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Let's turn to Matthew 18:21-22, as we lift up the Name of the Lord. The topic of today's didactic sermon is "A God of a Second Chance."

According to the text, Jesus has been teaching the disciples about many lessons in the 18th chapter of Matthews. The Lord Jesus begins the chapter by engaging the disciples, who are asking the question "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven?" Jesus calls a child forward and shares an open example, teaching them that they must undergo a transformation (conversion) an become as little children. The conversion requires one to humble themselves as a child. Jesus shares that the same is greatest in the kingdom of Heaven. From there Jesus teaches about receiving the child in His name and transfers into the reception of Christ (verse 5). The Lord also teaches about the mistreatment of little ones or others and the penalty of the mistreatment.

Many power lessons are taught by Christ between verses 1-14, then we come to verse 15 when Jesus teaches how to deal with others who offend us. It teaches us how to deal with each other with love and respect. In fact, Jesus is teaching a disciple for the early church to model towards ethical treatment of one another. The scripture says, "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." This teaches us how to handle issues in an ethical way that will mitigate confusion and promote understanding. This is the first step.

The second step, "But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established."

The third step, "And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." Why is this process important? Because it provides a model for Godly conduct and an instruction for resolution of issues. In verses 18-20 Jesus says, " Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Good God Almighty. Saint's, I believe Jesus is teaching the importance of how to deal with issues like this because He wants us to work in unity and in love. Why do you say that preacher? Thank You, I'm so glad you asked. THERE IS AN UNKNOWN POWER IN THE REVELATION THAT JESUS SHARED... AND PETER IS DEALING WITH IT (I'LL SHOW YOU IN JUST A MINUTE).

The revelation is that we have the power to bind things on earth and in Heaven. Whatever we loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven. The power of two is so great, many can't even imagine it. So, there is greater power when we're on one accord. Jesus repeats his words. He says "Again, I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." *** Blessings, Blessings, Blessings. He is the God of a Second Chance.

Did you get that? You getting together on one accord with a fellow believer invokes the power of Jesus in the midst of your prayer, your situation, your circumstance. Jesus said, "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven". For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." One will put a thousand to flight and Two will put ten-thousand to flight.

Can you image what you can do with Christ in the midst of your situation and God working it out for you? This is a revelation y'all. It means that two or three of us can usher Christ into the midst of our life, our situations, and

our circumstances.

Are you ready? My question is "Have you ushered Jesus Christ into your life?" I mean have you put it into words and into action. Have you prayed about your marriage with your spouse? Have you prayed about your family with a family member? Have you prayed about your children with your children? Have you prayed about the school with a school teacher? Have you prayed about your finances with your banker? Have you prayed about your church with a church member? Have you prayed about your job with a fellow co-worker? Newflash, Post-It, FaceBook announcement, the devil doesn't want you to know this, but the devil is a liar. Jesus said "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven". For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Tell somebody, "We got to get together in Jesus Name, instead of getting together for everything else." Come on and say "Amen."

Peter is reflecting as this revelation is coming through, so please don't miss the revelation. The Lord gives it to Peter, but like many of us, we've got some hurts, bruises, and situations. Peter may have been thinking about somebody who had done him wrong or who had sinned against him, because in verse 21 Peter comes to Jesus and asks the question, "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. Many theologians support that Jesus' response of seventy times seven is a number of perfections which says to forgive each other until completion. By forgiving you have gained your brother or your sister and can operate in the revelation power of God.

In closing,

He is the God of a Second Chance. Jesus Christ taught us how to pray. In Matthew 6:9-15 (KJV) it says, "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, forever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their

trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Choose to forgive and operate in the power of the Lord. He is the God of a Second Chance.