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Topic: CONSEQUENCES OF UNFORGIVENESS

Bible Reading/ Passage: Matthew 18 vs. 21 – 35 and Mark 11 vs. 25-26

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SONGS: Nearer my God to thee nearer to thee

What a friend we have in Jesus

**INTRODUCTION:** Consequences of unforgiveness is our topic for today, why this topic, it is a common practice with believers that they will or can never forgive people based on their experiences with them, even among spiritual leaders and among the folk in the body of Christ. Unforgiveness has been in existence since, among the black race it is a common practice that has been passed across generations, because of the sins of our fore fathers, certain families has entered into dispute with one another even after the death of their fore fathers, their children even the unborn carry on with the satanic sin of unforgiveness. Unforgiveness has turn the body of Christ to just a gathering of social noisy social elites shouting under the pretext of praying (prayers that are and can never be answered) Unforgiveness! Unforgiveness!! Unforgiveness!!! Release me and die

#### **WHAT IS UNFORGIVENESS:**

Means I still hold you in mind and I don't forget, hating the word of God, turning down his commandments and calling God a liar.

Unforgiveness is a spirit from the pit of hell poured out in this last days to render all our fire, fire prayers ineffective.

Unforgiveness can be defined as the single most popular poison that the enemy uses against God's people, and it is one of the deadliest poisons a person can take spiritually. It causes everything from mental depression, to health problems such as cancer and arthritis.

You might be asking yourself this question, how possible is it to forgive and forget, if you are truly born again and broken, with the infilling and overflowing of the Holy spirit, forgiveness will come easily.

Jesus demonstrated to us when he was on the cross Luke 23 vs. 34, Jesus said Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing, and they divided up his clothes by casting.

Secondly Stephen demonstrated it in Acts 7 vs. 59-60, when he was been stoned, he asked God not to hold this sin against them

#### **CONSEQUENCES OF UNFORGIVENESS**

As said earlier that unforgiveness is a poison, when you take poison, it will kill you if care is not taken. The killing process is always gradual, in the sense that it first paralysis or stop the flow or hinder or tamper with your source of power, attack your root of strenght

### **Unforgiveness shows we don't really love Jesus**

In John 15:12, Jesus commands us to love one another, as He has loved us. True love doesn't hold bitterness or unforgiveness against that person. If we are bitter or hold unforgiveness against somebody, then we don't love them as Christ loved us. If we don't keep Jesus' commandments, then it proves we don't love Him.

John 14:24, "He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings..."

### **Unforgiveness prevents God from forgiving our sins**

Matthew 6:15, "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

### **Unforgiveness opens us up to the tormentors (the devil)**

Matthew 18:23-35, "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. 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: Shouldst 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. So **likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.**"

### **Unforgiveness can block God from answering our prayers**

Mark 11:24, 25, "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought (something) against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

Matthew 7:7, 12, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you... Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them..."

John 15:5, 10 tells us that if we abide in Christ, we will produce much spiritual fruit, and the way that we abide in Christ is by keeping His commandments. Verse 12 tells us that His commandment is to love one another as He has loved us. Verse 7 tells us that if we abide in Him (by keeping His commandments), and His Word in us, we can ask for anything and it will be given unto us! The reason a lot of people's prayers go unanswered, is because they aren't keeping the commandments that Jesus gave us; therefore they aren't abiding in Christ's love, and if we aren't abiding in Christ's love, how can we expect Him to hear our prayers?

### **Unforgiveness can defile a person**

Hebrews 12:15, "...lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."

Notice at the end it says, "many be defiled." This is a VERY common, if not one of the most common everyday things that defile people! Many bondages can be shed when a person forgives those who have wronged him or her.

#### **Unforgiveness can give Satan an advantage**

2 Corinthians 2:10-11, "To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."

#### **Unforgiveness can keep a person out of heaven**

Matthew 7:12, 21, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets... Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

1 John 3:14, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. **He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.**"

#### **Unforgiveness can prevent us from being fruitful spiritually**

John 15:5 tells us that if we abide in Christ, we will produce much spiritual fruit, and the way that we abide in Christ is by keeping His commandments (verse 10). Verse 12 tells us that His commandment is that we love one another as He has loved us. Therefore, if we don't love one another, as He has loved us, then we do not abide in Him, and how are we suppose to produce much spiritual fruit if we don't abide in Him? According to verse 6, the branch that doesn't abide in the vine will be cast into the fire.

#### **Unforgiveness can open us up to curses**

When people in the Old Testament disobeyed God's commandments, it opened them up to curses (Deut 27:26). When people nowadays disobey God, it can do the same thing; it can open them up to curses. Curses can cause mental and emotional problems (Deut 28:28), physical problems (Deut 28:35, 60, 61), financial problems (Deut 28:17, 38, 43), divorce and unfaithful spouse (Deut 28:30, 56), emotional stress (Deut 28:34), childlessness (Lev 20:21), and that's not all, plus those curses can be handed down to your future generations (Exodus 20:5).

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#### **CONCLUSION**

**Remember, for you to be unforgiving towards another will not destroy the person who wronged you! Instead, IT WILL DESTROY YOU, THE PERSON WHO WON'T FORGIVE! This is why the devil frequently uses it against the offended party.** Unforgiveness has to be one of the devil's most subtle and destructive satanic temptations, but few seemingly know the seriousness of it because of the false teachings that, especially, come through the "once saved, always saved" teachers! **To continue to walk with the Lord and have spiritual life, we must forgive others who sin against us.** Forgiving others is as important as getting your own sins forgiven, for without the former, the latter won't occur, according to Jesus.