

**Forgiveness
During
Christ's
Millennial
Reign**

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 18:21-35

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ An old hymn speaks of forgiveness under OT Law:
 - ◆ **“My Sins are Blotted Out, I Know”**
 - ◆ Isa 44:22 - transgressions and sins blotted out
 - ◆ Ps 103:12 - transgressions removed as far as the east from west
 - ◆ Micah 7:19 - sins cast into the depths of the sea



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- ◆ This forgiveness was based on the temporary substitution of animal sacrifices
- ◆ Finally, when Jesus Christ came, He offered Himself as the one perfect, permanent sacrifice for the sins of all mankind – for all time!

Salvation Always Provides Permanent Forgiveness of Sins

(Jn 1:29)

During the Dispensation of Law

- **Rom 4:6-7**

During Christ's ministry on Earth

- **Jn 8:24**

During the Dispensation of Grace

- **I Cor 15:3-4; Acts 10:43, 13:38-39**

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During the Tribulation

- **Matt 24:14 cf vs 3 “end of the age” - this gospel of the Kingdom – Christ’s death for sins and bodily resurrection from the dead, PLUS, His soon coming again to Earth.**

During the Millennium

- **The resurrected Savior, who came to Earth again, will continue to reign into eternity**

Millennial Forgiveness Passages in Matthew

◆ Sermon on the Mount

◆ Matt 5-7

- ◆ Millennial laws and rules for mankind who live at this time only

Millennial Forgiveness Passages in Matthew (cont.)

◆ **The disciples' prayer**

◆ **Matt 6:9-15**

◆ Let God's name be hallowed

◆ Recognize and desire the Father's coming kingdom

◆ cf I Cor 15:24

◆ When His kingdom comes, then His desirous will shall come to pass on Earth

◆ Request for our “needed” bread

Millennial Forgiveness Passages in Matthew (cont.)

◆ **The disciples' prayer** (continued)

◆ Forgive what we owe (our debts) in proportion to our forgiveness to those indebted to us

◆ Vs 14-15 – what is owed to God is trespasses

◆ **trespass** = a mental determination which is displeasing and offensive to God. Trespass always precedes and act of sin

Millennial Forgiveness Passages in Matthew (cont.)

◆ **The disciples' prayer** (continued)

◆ Request for forgiveness of trespasses is to prevent the punishment from carrying out trespasses into acts of sin

◆ **Matt 18:21-35** - Peter's question about others sinning with reference to him (not against him) cf Ps 51:4, Mk 2:7

◆ Jesus' illustration concerning forgiving trespasses, not sins, in the kingdom of the Heavens – vs 23-35

CONCLUSION

- ◆ Because of the incarceration of Satan, the elimination of the World System, and the curbing of the allurements to the sin nature, the requirements under Millennial Law will be more harsh
- ◆ At that time, forgiveness of debts and trespasses by God will be based on the proportion of forgiveness shown by each man
- ◆ Millennial forgiveness has no bearing on forgiveness under the Mosaic Dispensation of Law, or under the Dispensation of Grace