

Theology in the 1st. c. - class notes

There once was a man names Lamech, who was very evil... Why?

What was "sin" to a Jew? And what did he/she call it?

Why in Mt 18: 21 did Peter say seven? Why not 13?

What was the Pharisaic Law regarding the number of times a Jew had to forgive a "trespass against him"?

What could a Jew do, who had been abused by the same person, more times than this?

How many times had a Christian to "forgive" the same trespass against him?

Did the offended person need to say "I forgive you"?

What did Jesus mean by "forgive"?

Did anyone but Jesus have the power to forgive or retain sins during the time of his ministry on Earth?

In the parable Mt 18:23-35...

How could a servant owe so much? How could the King have let him get into so much debt without warning him?

Why didn't the King just order his servant to visit the jailed man and forgive the small debt?

Who plays the King?

What is really this huge debt?

Why did Jesus tell this parable at this time?

What is blasphemy against the Holy Ghost?

What are unforgivable sins, other than "blasphemy against the Holy Ghost"?

Answers at:

<http://www.orderstvincent.org/propers/proper19AGospel.pdf>

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Lesson One - March 19, 2006

J.B. Philips NT (Anglican Priest 1940's) (Matthew 18:23-35) For the kingdom of Heaven is like a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When he had started calling in his accounts, a man was brought to him who owed him millions of pounds. As he had no means of repaying the debt, his master gave orders for him to be sold as a slave, and his wife and children and all his possessions as well, and the money to be paid over.

At this the servant fell on his knees before his master, 'Oh, be patient with me!' he cried, 'and I will pay you back every penny!' Then his master was moved with pity for him, set him free and cancelled his debt. "But when this same servant had left his master's presence, he found one of his fellow-servants who owed him a few shillings.

He grabbed him and seized him by the throat, crying, 'Pay up what you owe me!' At this his fellow-servant fell down at his feet, and implored him, 'Oh, be patient with me, and I will pay you back!' But he refused and went out and had him put in prison until he should repay the debt. "When the other fellow-servants saw what had happened, they were horrified and went and told their master the whole incident.

Then his master called him in. "**You wicked servant!**" he said. 'Didn't I cancel all that debt when you begged me to do so? Oughtn't you to **have taken pity on** your fellow-servant as I, your master, took pity on you?' And his master in anger handed him over to the [tormentors/debt collectors] till he should **repay the whole debt**. This is how my Heavenly Father will treat you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart."

