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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.

Now these verses comprise what all of us know as, “The Lord’s Prayer”. These are the words of Jesus. These are perhaps the best known, the best memorized, the most often repeated set of Scripture ever been written. Many teach our children to pray this prayer. Many will pray this prayer each evening before we go to bed. It is the most quoted, most memorized set of Scripture ever been written, “The Lord’s Prayer”.

And all of us know The Lord’s Prayer even if we miss a few words; all of us know The Lord’s Prayer. And I have just completed a 10-hour study dealing with The Lord’s Prayer and I was studying through the Lord’s Prayer, God was laying upon my heart the words that Jesus emphasized in The Lord’s Prayer. There are theologically and technically six petitions in the Lord’s Prayer but there’s only one of the petitions that Jesus committed upon and emphasized, only one.

And it is that petition that I want to speak to you today about. It’s the Lord’s Prayer, the verse after. And you see, it’s the verse after The Lord’s Prayer that I want to talk to you about today because is you don’t understand the verse after the Lord’s Prayer, you will miss the whole prayer. And that verse is verse number 14 where Jesus says, “For if ye forgive men their trespasses your Heavenly Father will also forgive you”. And then there’s verse 15, “But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your father forgive your trespasses.”

Now, I’m going to tell you a real rough statement right now, it’s going to shock some of you but if you analyze it and think about it, you’ll understand it’s truth. Do not pray The Lord’s Prayer if you have unforgiveness, hatred, resentment, bitterness – all these mess in your heart, do not pray The Lord’s Prayer if you have that in your heart towards another human being, or else you ask God not to forgive you.

Think about it, do not pray The Lord’s Prayer if you have stuff in your heart and in your spirit against another human being, or else you are asking God – do not forgive me. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors – meaning that you’re asking God – Lord forgive me as I forgive other people, which means if I don’t forgive other folk, the lord don’t forgive me that’s what you are praying.

So you need to understand clearly what the most quoted and most memorized and perhaps the most powerful set of scriptures in the entire Bible and saying, if you don't forgive others, you're asking, pleading, and petitioning God not to forgive you and that's what you're asking. So it's a heavy duty set of Scriptures.

William Barkley said, it's the most frightening prayer ever uttered. Lord, don't forgive me if I don't forgive other folks. He said, that's the most – that's the scariest prayer ever uttered. Don't forgive me unless I forgive others. Forgive us, the most popular version – forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Luke called it sin. So no matter what word you want to put, all of us have people who have done us wrong, who have sometimes abused us, who have walked over us, who have sinned against us but the flipside of that coin, even though all of us have people who have done us wrong, there is not a soul within the sound of my voice who can understand the words that I speak and you haven't done somebody wrong.

All of us have debt or trespasses against someone else. You see, Matthew, as he wrote or pinned the words of Jesus with the Lord's Prayer, he used perhaps in his verses – and Matthew said, forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. You see, Matthew was a tax collector. So Matthew collected money. So he put it in terms. He understood. He understood when folks won't pay you. So Matthew said, Lord forgive them rascals their debts. They won't pay their taxes. Lord forgive them their debts.

How many of you all got folks owe you money and won't pay you. Lord, forgive them their debts as they forgive their debtors. So Matthew, he put in terms that he understood.

In Luke 11:4, Luke used the word *hermatio(ph)*, which means in The Lord's Prayer, it means failure to be what I might have been or failure to do what I should have done. Lord forgive those who fail to be what they might have been or fail to do what they should have done. You see, in some instances it's not that people did something to you; it's that they fail to do something for you that they should have done. So regardless of whether the sin is one of commission or whether the sin is one of omission all of us have people who have done things against us or have failed to do something for us that they should have done and all of us have done stuff against other folks or failed to do something for other folks that we should have done. So all of us have sinned both done against us and sinned that we have done to other folks.

Now often times – it's not often times, it's the vast majority of times, we only focus on the sin other folks have done to us. You never hear too many people talking about the sin they have done to other folks. You know, it's almost as if we are just blameless that we have never done a thing. All of you who have children, you'll never have your child come to you talking about – Daddy, guess what I did... you never have that. We had a situation in the house the other day and Christian ran and holding his stomach and my wife said, "What's wrong, what's wrong?" and he

said, “George hit me, he just hit me in the stomach”. And mama said, “What did you do to George?” What was Christian’s answer? Nothing, I haven’t done anything. I’m innocent, I didn’t do anything Mama, I didn’t do anything Daddy. He just hit me for no reason whatsoever. I’m innocent. I’m pure. I’m blameless. I am without sin. But this person has hurt me and I didn’t do a thing. His name is Christian.

So I went and ask George. I said, “George, did you hit Christian?” George says, “Yes I did.” He’s only five years old but he’s big and strong and he said – yes I did. I said, “Why did you hit Christian?” And he said because Christian told me I couldn’t sing. And I had to sit George down and talk to George about not hitting people, but there is a reason for all things but we only see the pain and feel the pain of what the other has inflicted unto us. We often don’t see what we’ve done to the other person. And too often we’re like Christian and we only see what was done to us and that’s why that prayer – Lord forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.

And all of us have trespassed against others. You see, we need forgiveness for the stuff that we did that we should not have done. We need forgiveness for the stuff that we did that we should have done that we just didn’t do. We need forgiveness for the stuff that we would have done if we could have done it.

Do you know there’s a lot of stuff that you would do if you just could do it? The only reason you haven’t done it, is you that you just can’t do it. Some of you right now, if you had a million dollars in the bank, it would be some stuff that you be out doing right now. The only reason that you don’t do it is you just can’t do it. You know, some of you, you got a little over the hill and I’ve heard some people talking about, you know, now that I’ve – you just can’t do it. So there are some of the stuff that is not –

So Lord we need forgiveness for the stuff that we don’t do just because we just can’t do it. Do you know what happens sometimes in countries, in cities, in states where the police go on strike? I remember the last time, it happened up in Canada. When the police went on strike, honest, good everyday law abiding citizens just went in smashing in windows, grabbing televisions. I mean, they went crazy. When the police went on strike, so it really never was that it was their morality and their honesty that was keeping them from busting the window and grabbing the TV, it never was that, it was the police. So when the police went on strike.

So some of you – it’s not that you’re not busting in and taking some – you just can’t do it because you’re scared of the police. So, Lord forgive us for the stuff that we did not do just because we couldn’t do it. And we need forgiveness for just the stuff that we just thought about doing. See that is the whole – just say “Whoo!” See, some of you, you got so much stuff that you just have – now wipe that smile off your face. When I talk about what thought about doing, some of you just go – I mean that is

just stuff that you thought about. You just need forgiveness for just the stuff you thought about doing.

And it's not just that unforgiveness blocks your divine forgiveness but it destroys your joy and your peace now. Let me give you an example. A lot of you remember the old sitcom "Amos 'n' Andy". They started out as a radio show, went to television, it was Amos 'n' Andy. Some of you who are old remember that. I was really little when the show used to be in reruns. Amos 'n' Andy, King Fish... all of them folks but it was an old time. It used to be the old original good times sitcom.

Andy had a fellow 'Big Al', and he said Big Al – every time he saw Andy, Big Al will come up and slap Andy in the chest. So Andy was just tired for Big Al slapping him in the chest. So Andy said, "I'm going to fix him". So one day Andy came up to Amos and he said, "I'm ready for Big Al now. I'm going to fix him." So Amos said – Well, Andy what are you going to do? He said, "I'm going to fix him this time. Next time he slaps me on the chest, I'm going to fix him." He said, what are you going to do? He said, "Man, I have just stuffed a stick of dynamite in my vest. And the next time he slaps me, it's going to blow his hand off.

And see, Andy didn't understand that he put a stick of dynamite in his vest and if Big Al slapped him, the dynamite would blow up and yes, it would blow Big Al's hand off but what Andy didn't understand – See, this is the same thing that happened with us when we got a stick of dynamite right here in this vest and we've got all this stuff, it's lit and we're thinking that we're going to destroy the other person and we don't understand, when it blows up or when it explodes, it splatters us worse than it does the other person.

So we have to understand that. Forgiveness is not just for the other person. It destroys us when we harbor all of this resentment and anger and unforgiveness on the inside. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. It means like or in proportion to.

Let me just give you an example. Now let's just say that I owe Pastor James \$2,000.00, and Pastor C. Elijah owes me \$1000.00 and I pray Lord forgive my debt to James as I forgive C. Elijah's debt to me. And then, out of the \$1000.00, I forgave C. Elijah five hundred dollars. What happens to the \$2000.00 I owe Pastor James? – So it only cuts it in half?

People, you all don't need to have to forgive because you all don't need your sins half forgiven. See, forgive us our trespasses as I forgive those who trespassed against us. And see, this is a spiritual principle that is echoed over and over and over in the Bible.

You will find in Galatians 6:7, Be not deceived, God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Matthew 5:7, Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy – that which they saw – is that which they reaped. Luke 6:38, Give and it shall be given unto you. Good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over shall men give unto your bosom, for with the same measure that ye meet with all, it shall be measured under you. What you give out is what you get back. Matthew 7:12, Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do you even so to them for this is the law and the prophecy.

What you do to men, is what will be done to you, Matthew 7:12, “For with what judgment ye judge ye shall be judged and what measure ye meet it shall be measured to you again” Whatever you put out in your forgiveness is the same way you are forgiven. I don’t need my transgressions, my sins, my fault, my wayward ways. I don’t need my stuff half forgiven. I don’t need it 90% forgiven. So when I'm praying – Lord, forgive me my debts as I forgive my debtors, it means I have to completely forgive those who have trespassed against me not half way.

C. Elijah preached a magnificent sermon about this called, “Have it your way”. You need to go and listen to it. And it talks about it in detail, Sermon # 7098. Go to AirJesus.com and listen to it. But you, you need to forgive fully, completely, wholly and totally so that none of your sins are held against you. Now, forgiving is not easy. I'm not going to sit here and blabbing about that. Forgiving is not easy. DL Moody said – forgiving is the most difficult of the graces.

To be honest about it, we need a whole series on just how to forgive. It’s not easy, when somebody is hurting and wounded you – it’s not easy but it’s probably not easy for them to forgive you either. So forgiving is not easy but it is absolutely necessary. The hardest part is really making it up in your mind that you truly want to forgive them. That’s the real hard part.

And see, sometimes we have so much stuff and it’s not even sometimes against people that we are just directly involved with. We just got stuff against so many things. You know, you got stuff against the President. I just have nothing to do with Democrat or Republic, none at all. We got stuff against other countries, stuff against other religions, stuff against other ethnic groups, all this stuff. And all this stuff builds in our hearts and we just got all of this stuff and it poisons everything in us and everything around us. It’s not easy to forgive because there are some true transgressions. Jesus never said that the people didn’t transgress against you. He said, you are forgiven as you forgive. And some of you might say – Well, look Jesus is just going to wash all my sins and forgive me.

Some of you might say, I ain’t listening to what Pastor is saying. Jesus is going to wash all my stuff away. I'm just going to Jesus and get all my stuff washed away because them rascals did me wrong, I'm not thinking about forgiving them. I don’t

want to forgive them. I got this stuff in my heart. I'm comfortable with my hate. I'm just going to Jesus with this and let Jesus wash this stuff out of me and Jesus will forgive me. I'm not going to God. I will go to Jesus.

And some of you are thinking about that. Let me just tell you what Jesus said in John 5:19. Then answered Jesus and said unto them, this is for those of you who are thinking like that. Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

Let me tell you what Jesus is saying about that. I ain't never seen my Daddy forgive anybody who won't forgive. That's what Jesus said. Jesus said – if you will not forgive men their trespasses, neither will my father forgive your trespasses and I have not seen my father do it. Therefore, I can't do it because I cannot do anything; I have not seen my Father do. So you need to get this stuff out of your system.

Pastor James preached a sermon called, “A Clean Heart”. You need to get this stuff out of your heart. You need to get that stick of dynamite out of your vest before it blows you to bits, before it destroys your health, kills your joy, takes your peace and threatens your salvation but you don't need to pray the Lord's Prayer until you can forgive people because you're asking God not to forgive you. Go read The Lord's Prayer. The only thing Jesus commented on was that fifth petition where he said, if you don't forgive men their sins my Father in heaven cannot forgive you.

And you can get into all kinds of theological debates, talking about will, you know the Lord truly has forgiven but he has blocked – I don't know about all that. All I know is what Jesus said. If I don't forgive I can't get forgiven. No matter what the mechanism is it doesn't matter. Just like when your money is being held, it doesn't matter what the mechanism is, you got no money. Do you understand what I mean?

It doesn't matter where it is being held up – in the third heaven or whether it is stridulated up – it doesn't matter – you got no money. So you are getting all that heavy theological debate about what the reason is but God said, if you do not forgive your brother and your sister, if you don't forgive your fellowmen. If you don't get this unforgiveness out of you, I cannot forgive you regardless of the reason, regardless of the mechanism. I can't forgive you unless you forgive others.

And some of you are wondering why we have the offering up here in the box today. I'm not going to have an altar call today. There will be no altar call. I'm not going to ask people to come up here. I'm going to tell you to go to the folk that you got this stuff with. That's what you need to do.

Now there are two situations – for those of you electronically, this may also hit you in the heart. They either know about it or they don't. For example, if you got some

issues with the President of the United States, he doesn't know you. He doesn't even know you're alive. You are sitting there fuzzing about him – he doesn't even know you're alive. So it has no sense in you trying to call up to the White House to see if you can apologize to the President. No!

If they don't know about it, that's between you and God and I don't suggest that you tell them. Some of you have issues even with the Pastor. Sooner or later, I would have said something just offending somebody – some I may have said some five years ago and somebody still got that in their heart. Don't come up here and tell me. If I don't know it don't tell me because if you tell me, you know Pastor you said something back in 19 – such and such, you said this, and I've been hating you ever since. I've been looking at you like a demon then. Look, if you come here and tell me that, I got to get out of Ark. So don't even put that on me, I got enough stuff. If they don't know about it, you just keep that to yourself.

But if you have somebody and you know they have a problem with you, you know you have a problem with them and you all know it, then you go to them. And you tell them, I have forgiven you, I have cleaned my heart of this. I love you, in all sincerity, then you go to them and tell them. The reason that I have the offering up here is because of what Jesus said in Matthew 5:23, he says, "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee, [24] Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Jesus said, even your offering is tainted until you forgive and make it right, get it right with your brother. Now some of you, you are worried about – Well if I go to them, what if they don't forgive me. That's not your issue. They can still hate your guts. That's not your issue. That's why he said, love your enemy. That's not your issue, if they don't forgive you, that's not your problem. Your responsibility is for you to forgive them. They may hate you even the more after you go – That's not your issue. Your issue is to go to them and your issue is to say I have cleansed my heart. I forgive you, I love you. That's your responsibility.

So this offering, we will have to lock it up but it's going to stay in the church, in the altar. We're going to lock it up but it's going to stay in the church and we'll bring it out next Sunday and we won't deposit this until next Sunday. So we're going to leave this at the altar until you come back again. So in the next seven days, go and reconcile with your brother, your sister, or whoever it is and you know that you have already in your heart with unforgiveness. So that God can begin to wash and clean and forgive you.

For those of you listening electronically, go and do likewise. We thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word because brother, you need the word. Amen, amen and amen.

Some of you need to go today, not next week, today and just clear some things up and some of you are going to be surprised. And I believe that even unforgiveness has even a tie end with your finances. That's why even Jesus tied in to your offering. And I honestly believe that when some of you clear some of these stuff up, you will see even some financial stuff clear because hate in your heart blocks all kinds of things on all kinds of levels and God wants your heart and spirit clear.

We'll never be perfect but we are forgiven but the requirement for that forgiveness is that we forgive also 100%. It's not easy, it may be a challenge. You'll be tempted to go and try to dig it up and pull it up again. But God will surely clear it out of your heart. Some of you are very justified in how you feel, that's not the point. God says forgive. Jesus says – Love thine enemy, do good to them who curse you, despite they use you, pray for them.

So God wants us to show the world, if his Word is in you, your works and your fruit ought to manifest. It does not take a Christian to return bad for bad, that's the world. If his Word is in you, it will produce a fruit that's different from the world and that's the fruit that is different from the world. It goes against the flesh itself.

So this day, go forth. And anyone who you've argued with and they know about it, if they don't know about it just go to your knees and clear it out of your heart. But if they know about it, go to them and tell them that all is well. Amen, amen.

Well, we're not going to have an altar call. I'm not even going to open the doors of the church because there are just some things that God wants us to do towards our fellow human beings and just to get straight. The altar call will be here next week. The doors of the church will be here next week but there are just some things that God wants us to do with our fellow human beings. Some of you got stuff to even go and tell your mother, your sister, your brother, your father. Some of you got stuff against people and they've been dead twenty years and you just got to clear it out and just speak up to heaven. Well, some of you say, there ain't any heaven. Some of you got stuff to wherever they may be, you have to clear it out of you.

And that's the command; it's not to clear it out of them. God's word is to clear it out of you. So upon this day, for those whom this has particularly applied to, don't hesitate or wait for this day. And when we come to bring our gift and our offering upon next week, let our hearts be clear, our minds and spirit and we'll be able to pray the Lord's Prayer and truly say Lord, forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

I'm going to ask C. Elijah to come now and just close us out for this day and again, go and listen to 7098 an extremely profound and powerful message.

C.Elijah: Praise God, what a powerful word. We thank God for just the truth of his word. It's the truth of his word that sets us free and this is such a riveting word that really strikes us all in the heart, to examine ourselves and to right relationships and purify our hearts. And as you forgive you have to do a lot of forgiving, you have to actually do it by faith because your feelings won't feel like you forgave. You will walk away still feeling resentful, still feeling angry and won't have to say by faith – No I have forgiven them first. I don't allow you to rise back up in my heart.

So you have to keep yourself down by faith until it's completely washed away out of your heart. So the enemy will try to keep bringing that back up and you say – No, that's already been forgiven and you'll have to keep that down and so you have to be willing to forgive by faith in so many instances because so many hurts and pains are just not easily washed away at the first opportunity and so we have to – by faith – we have to keep it at that. So what a wonderful word to all of us.