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#23 : Ask for Forgiveness

Matthew  5:23 "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."

This is spectacular. I've spoken about offering forgiveness as well as receiving it, yet this is important in its own right. Let's ask for forgiveness even from GOD. You may go to your parents' house and can have whatever you'd like to eat. Wouldn't it be nice, though, to show up and ask if you can have something to eat? This is the same. GOD already forgave us so let's say thank YOU for already forgiving us.

John  3:18 "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Yet, it's nice to ask for that or say thank you for it like going to your parents' to eat and asking. I never asked GOD to forgive me until I met her. Afterwards, I started thanking GOD for forgiving me. I'd find myself saying to HIM that I'm a sinner so please forgive me. Then, I'd think about how HE already did. Now, I simply thank HIM for forgiving me.

John  3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

I thank JESUS CHRIST for forgiving me; I thank HIM for forgiving the girl I'm in a relationship with as well as others like all of my girls since GOD put them in my life to help me; I thank HIM for forgiving my parents even that my parents would grow in HIM such that they would know forgiveness and be saved; and I start to feel like the kid in the movie or cartoon or whatever who rambles on and on about "please bless this person and that person..."

Let me take this in another direction, i.e. that of asking others for forgiveness. This verse is important. GOD doesn't want your offering if you've done things to others that'll turn them away from HIM.

Matthew  5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

Go and make peace with any who have anything against you. It doesn't matter if you're giving GOD an offering or not. Go and make peace, PRAISE GOD!!!

It's an interesting verse because GOD would rather we be at peace with others than give HIM anything. Let that be your gift. HE doesn't need anything else, anyway; HE doesn't need anything!!! Everything is HIS; my FATHER is so rich that HE has a KINGDOM in which all the streets are paved with gold... my FATHER is so rich that HE owns everything. My lady and I have the most fun walking around in public saying these. HE wants HIS creations to be at peace with each other; that's what you can do for HIM!!!

So go on; apologize to anyone who might have anything against you. This is the reciprocal of forgive those you have anything against. Loose yourself from that bondage to anyone you've done anything against. I recently had an experience, which lasted several days; I realized that I had the opportunity to do this very thing with not one but two people, and I give ALL of my THANKS to my LORD JESUS CHRIST for the opportunity!!!

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