

# Matthew 18:21-35

## New International Version

### The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>23</sup> "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold<sup>[a]</sup> was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

<sup>26</sup> "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' <sup>27</sup> The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

<sup>28</sup> "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.<sup>[a]</sup> He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

<sup>29</sup> "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

<sup>30</sup> "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup> "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' <sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup> “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

## Luke 7:36–50

### [The New King James Version](#)

#### ***A Woman Anoints Jesus’ Feet***

**36** Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee’s house, and sat down to eat. **37** And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at the table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, **38** and stood at His feet behind *Him* weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped *them* with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed *them* with the fragrant oil. **39** Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw *this*, he spoke to himself, saying, “This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman *this is* who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.”

#### ***The Parable of the Two Debtors***

**40** And Jesus answered and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.”

So he said, “Teacher, say it.”

**41** “There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred <sup>denarii</sup>, and the other fifty. **42** And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?”

**43** Simon answered and said, “I suppose the *one* whom he forgave more.”

And He said to him, “*You have rightly judged.*” **44** Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “*Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head.*” **45** *You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in.* **46** *You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil.* **47** *Therefore I say to you, her sins, *which are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little.”*

**48** Then He said to her, *“Your sins are forgiven.”*

**49** And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, *“Who is this who even forgives sins?”*

**50** Then He said to the woman, *“Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”*