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YAHSHUA SAID: WE MUST NOT HOLD ANY RESENTMENT. (Mark 11:25) Over 80% of the problems YOU face are caused by hatred and resentment that YOU HOLD. **THIS IS TRUE WHETHER OR NOT YOU ADMIT IT OR KNOW IT.** This is not a matter of how you feel towards someone presently. Most people have buried hatred against someone that was or is close to them. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind anyone you hold resentment for--someone who hurt you made you angry; whom you have not forgiven. **THIS INCLUDES YAHWEH AND YOURSELF.** Forgiveness is a matter of making a decision to forgive and proclaiming it. It is an act of the will, not the emotions. **YOU MUST FORGIVE----UN-FORGIVENESS IS IDOLATRY.** Most of our nagging memories or "inner hurts" stay alive inside of us because of constant nourishment which we supply them. Can the "hurt" be better described as anger or self-pity or bitterness. "Hurts" are really bitter attitudes kept alive by our unwillingness to forgive from the heart. Forgiving a person is "clearing his record" with us and transferring the responsibility for any punishment to Yahweh. According to the law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness (Hebrews 9:22). Hate murders, "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." (I John 3:15) All anger, resentment and bitterness are born of hate. Our emotions can murder or bless another. Fear of vulnerability creates hate. Repentance is not a feeling; it's an action. Psalm 23 states that He anoints the head with oil. The shepherd poured oil on the head of the sheep until the ticks backed out. "A tick of the mind" is an idiom to describe a way of thinking that drains energy, which "sucks the blood of life" such as hate, vengeance, or resentment. Cleaving is a matter of decision. Martial love is not.

WE PROJECT OUR FAMILY CONFLICTS TO THE PEOPLE WE WORK WITH IN THE FUTURE.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FORGIVE?

- 1) Forgiveness is the perfume cast back by the flower on the foot that crushed it.
- 2) Forgiveness involves a positive attitude toward the offense rather than a negative attitude toward the offender. (The offender is our personal character developer.)

- 3) Forgiveness views the offender as a tool of Yahweh.
- 4) Forgiveness looks at the wounds of the offense as Yahweh's way of drawing attention to the offender's needs.
- 5) Forgiveness recognizes that bitterness is assuming a right we don't have.
- 6) Forgiveness realizes that the offender has already begun receiving the consequences of his offenses.
- 7) Forgiveness involves cooperating with Yahweh in the offender's life.

WE BECOME LIKE OUR EMOTIONAL FOCUS.

We tend to become just like the one we resent or fail to forgive. What we cannot forgive, we are doomed one day to live. Either the frailty that we cannot forgive in another person indicates that we have the same negative condition existing in us, or if we fail to forgive another, then the same area we judge in them will be an area in our own life where Yahweh's grace ceases. If we forgive weakness in another, this act of forgiveness acts as an antidote to our own weaknesses; but unwillingness to forgive promotes and develops selfishness. Forgiveness is redemptive; un-forgiveness is judgmental and destructive. Start praying for the person involved; you cannot resent someone and pray for them at the same time (as a rule). The refusal or the inability to forget is evidence of not having really forgiven. I Corinthians 13:5 tells us love keeps no records. **WE NOT ONLY MUST FORGIVE THE PERSON, BUT WE MUST ALSO RELEASE THEM.** In Matthew 18:27 (AMP), "And his master's heart was moved by compassion, and he **RELEASED** him and **FORGAVE** him (canceling) the debt." Un-forgiveness binds. (John 20:23) We are given the power to bind and to loose. We are told in Matthew 18:35 that unless we release and forgive **FROM THE HEART**, the person we resent stays bound or un-forgiven. In Proverbs 18:19 we are told that an offended brother is more unyielding than a fortified city, and disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel.

THE BARRIERS OF FORGIVENESS.

Many Believers have barriers in their lives which keep them from experiencing fulfillment, satisfaction, peace, healing and multiplied blessings of Yahweh. If there is un-forgiveness in your life, Satan has a legal claim over you.

Forgiving others directly affects our physical health.

REFUSING TO FORGIVE RESULTS IN:

- 1) Physical fatigue and loss of sleep.
- 2) Inability to Love Yahweh.
- 3) Depression.
- 4) Bitterness--from generation to generation
- 5) Sickness, i.e., arthritis, cancer, etc.
- 6) Inability to love others.
- 7) Binding others--we can bind a person and block Yahweh's redemptive dealings with him and even cause Yahweh's judgment on him. We see this in John 20:23 "Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained."

EVIDENCE OF BITTERNESS:

- 1) Depression, Proverbs 14:10.
- 2) Sickness--produces chemical imbalances Psalms 32:3-5.
- 3) Insensitivity, Matthew 7:2.
- 4) Ingratitude--expects compensation for hurts 2 Timothy 3:2.
- 5) Self-rejection, Romans 2:1-3.
- 6) Bone problems.
- 7) Tension, Acts 7:51.
- 8) Flattery, Proverbs 28:23.

9) Distrust, Hebrews 12:15.

PURPOSE OF ASKING FORGIVENESS:

1) Frees you from guilt.

2) Frees you from bitterness.

3) Discerns yours basic offence--wrong attitudes.

4) Realize "An offended brother is harder to be won than a walled city." Proverbs 18:19

5) Prepare the right wording, don't project pride or blame or justify. Say, "I was wrong."

6) Circle of confession equal to the circle of offense.

Mark 11:25-26; And when ye stand praying **FORGIVE, IF YE HAVE AUGHT AGAINST ANY**: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But **IF YE DO NOT FORGIVE**, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive you.

Ephesians 4:31 (PHIL) Let there be no more resentment, no more anger or temper, no more violent self-assertiveness, no more slander and no more malicious remarks.

Matthew 18:34-35 And his lord was wroth, and **DELIVERED HIM TO THE TORMENTORS**, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if you from **YOUR HEARTS** forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses.

Matthew 6:12 And forgive us our debts, **AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.**

Matthew 6:14-15 For **IF YE FORGIVE** men their trespasses, your heavenly Father **WILL ALSO FORGIVE YOU**: but **IF YE FORGIVE NOT** men their trespasses, **NEITHER WILL YOUR FATHER FORGIVE YOUR TRESPASSES.**

Matthew 6:14-15 (LIV) Your heavenly Father will forgive you if you forgive those who sin against you; but if you refuse to forgive them, he will not forgive you.

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, **FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER**, even as Yahweh for Messiah's sake hath forgiven you.

Isaiah 43:18 (NAS) Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things in the past.

Hebrews 12:14-15 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see Yahshua: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of Yahweh; **lest any root of bitterness springing up troubles you, and thereby many be defiled;**

James 4:11-12 (LIV) **DON'T CRITICIZE AND SPEAK EVIL** about each other, dear brothers. If you do, you will be fighting against Yahshua's law of loving one another, declaring it is wrong. But your job is not to decide whether this law is right or wrong, but to obey it. Only he who made the law can rightly judge among us. He alone decides to save or destroy. So what right do you have **TO JUDGE OR CRITICIZE** others?

Luke 6:37 (RSV) Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; **FORGIVE, AND YOU WILL BE FORGIVEN:**

I Peter 2:1 (LIV) So get rid of your feelings of hatred. Don't just pretend to be good! Be done with dishonestly and jealousy and talking about others behind their back.

NOTE: AS WE FORGIVE, WE EXTEND MERCY.

Psalms 18:25 (LIV) Yahweh, how merciful you are to those who are merciful...

Luke 6:36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Exodus 25:21-22 And thou shalt put the **MERCY SEAT** above the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. And **THERE I WILL MEET WITH THEE**, and I will commune with thee from above the **MERCY SEAT**.

NOTE: Yahweh declares that He will fellowship with us at the point that we grant mercy.

Matthew 5:23-24 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; **FIRST BE RECONCILED** to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Proverbs 19:3 (RSV) When a man's folly brings his way to ruin, his heart rages against Yahweh.

Colossians 3:12-13 Put on therefore, as the elect of Yahweh, kodesh and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and **FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER**, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Messiah forgave you, so also do ye.

Matthew 18:21-22 Then came Peter to Him, and said, Master, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times? Yahshua said unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times: but, until seventy times seven.

Hebrews 9:22 And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

Galatians 5:15 (NIV) If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

I Corinthians 1:10 (NIV) I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Master Yahshua Messiah, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 (NIV) If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven-if there was anything to forgive-I have forgiven in the sight of Messiah for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

Leviticus 19:17a-18 (NIV) Do not hate your brother in your heart ... Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am Yahweh.

Romans 14:4,10 (NIV) Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for Yahshua is able to make him stand. You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before Yahweh's judgment seat.

Matthew 5:22 (AMP) But I say to you that every one who continues to be angry with his brother or harbors malice (enmity of heart) against him shall be liable to and unable to escape punishment imposed by the court:...

Acts 8:23 (NIV) For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin.

NOTE: Bitterness restrains openness.

Exodus 16:8b (NIV) ...He has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against Yahweh.

NOTE: When we murmur and complain, it is against Yahweh.

Exodus 15:23-24 (NIV) When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter...So the people grumbled against Moses...

This concept of forgiveness is one of the most crucial concepts in the Word that we hold as truth and life. If we do not forgive others, Yahshua and the Father do not have to forgive us. Then we see that the death penalty of sin is still about our necks when we have un-forgiveness in our hearts. We actually make the atonement for our sin by Yahshua of none effect by not forgiving as He forgave us. If we do not forgive others, simply speaking, we are not forgiven. If we do not forgive, we are still in darkness and we do not know Him, neither have we seen Him. This is what the scripture says. That is the bottom line of love and forgiveness. He forgave us, so we **MUST** forgive others. The problems comes when we willfully refuse to forgive and show grace. This is rebellion against the Most High's commands. Secondly, most of us deceive ourselves to think that we really have forgiven, when in reality we have not. The Spirit of Yahweh knows our heart and all things. We can not hide, and we can not run! Finally, when we sin, such as show lack of forgiveness, this act opens the door for demonic attack. We can find this proof in the first chapter of the book of Job.

We encourage all to take this matter seriously. If you have trouble forgiving someone, make the conscious choice to forgive, and then ask Yahshua to take the bitterness out of your heart. He will certainly hear you and honor your request and humility.

May Yahweh and His son have mercy on us all in this evil time. Repent for the end is near!

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