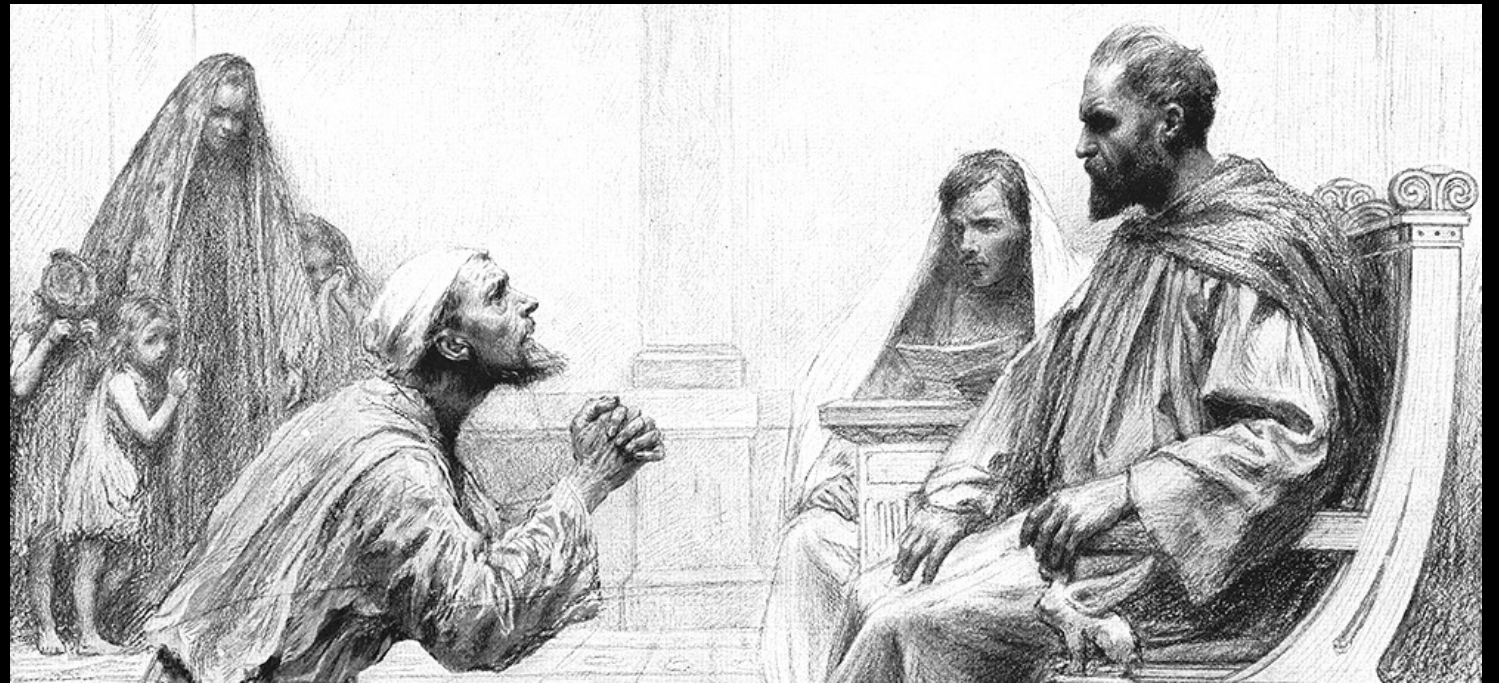


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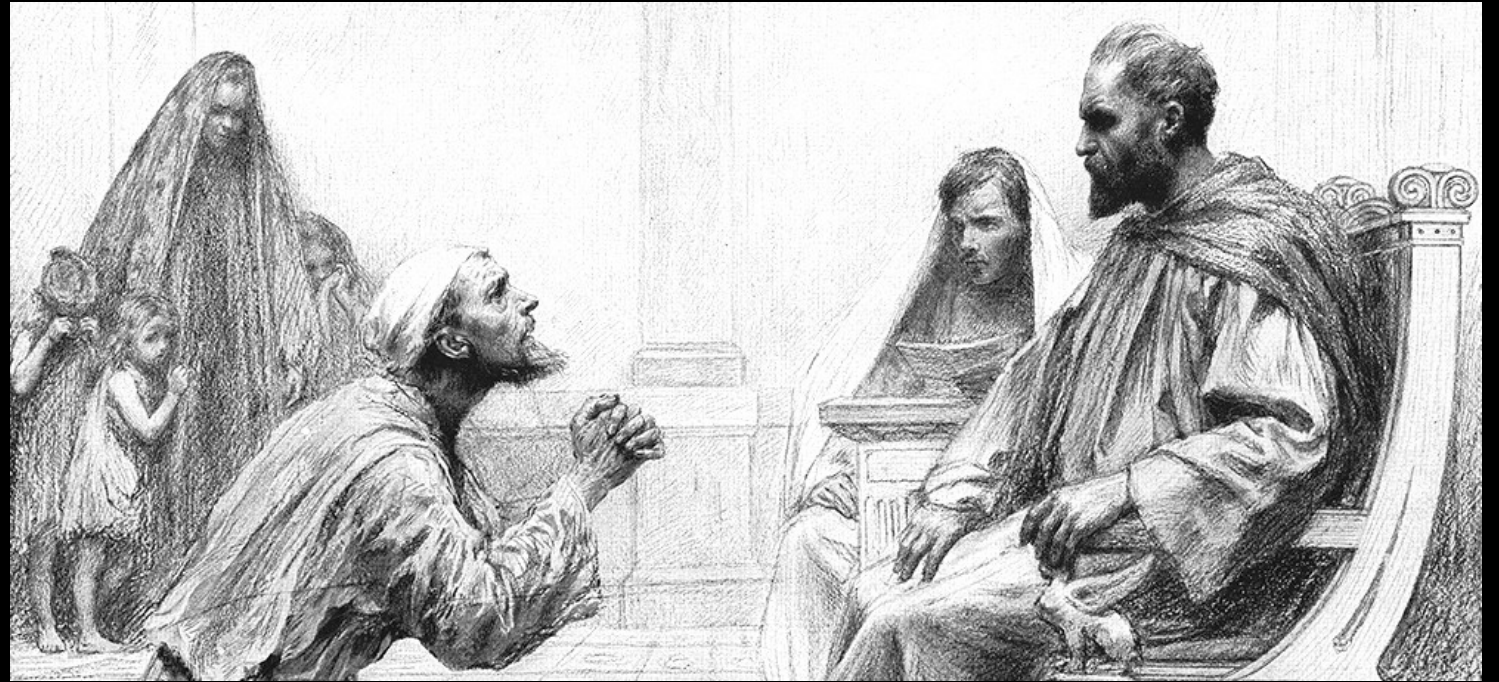
Matthew 18: 21-27, “Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive someone who sins against me? Up to seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.’”

“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. 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. The servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.”



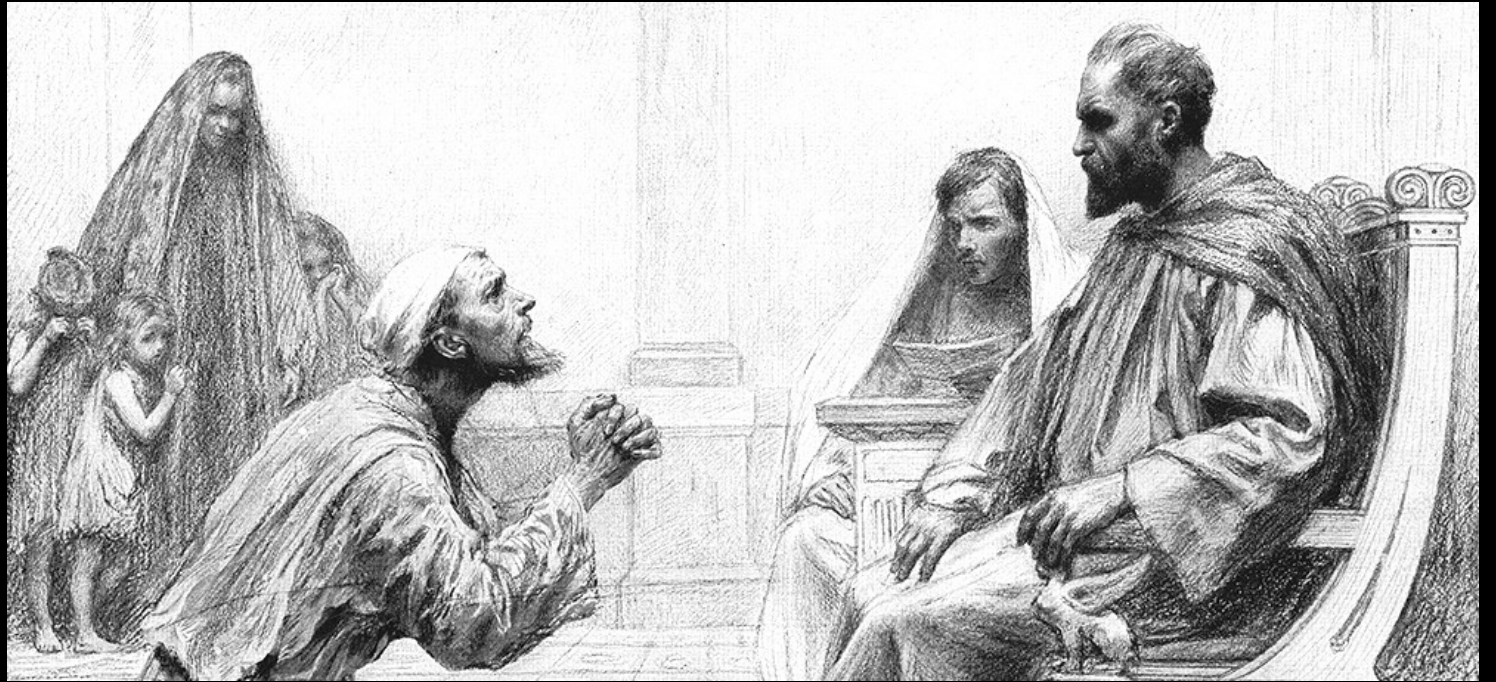
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Matthew 13:49-50, "This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."



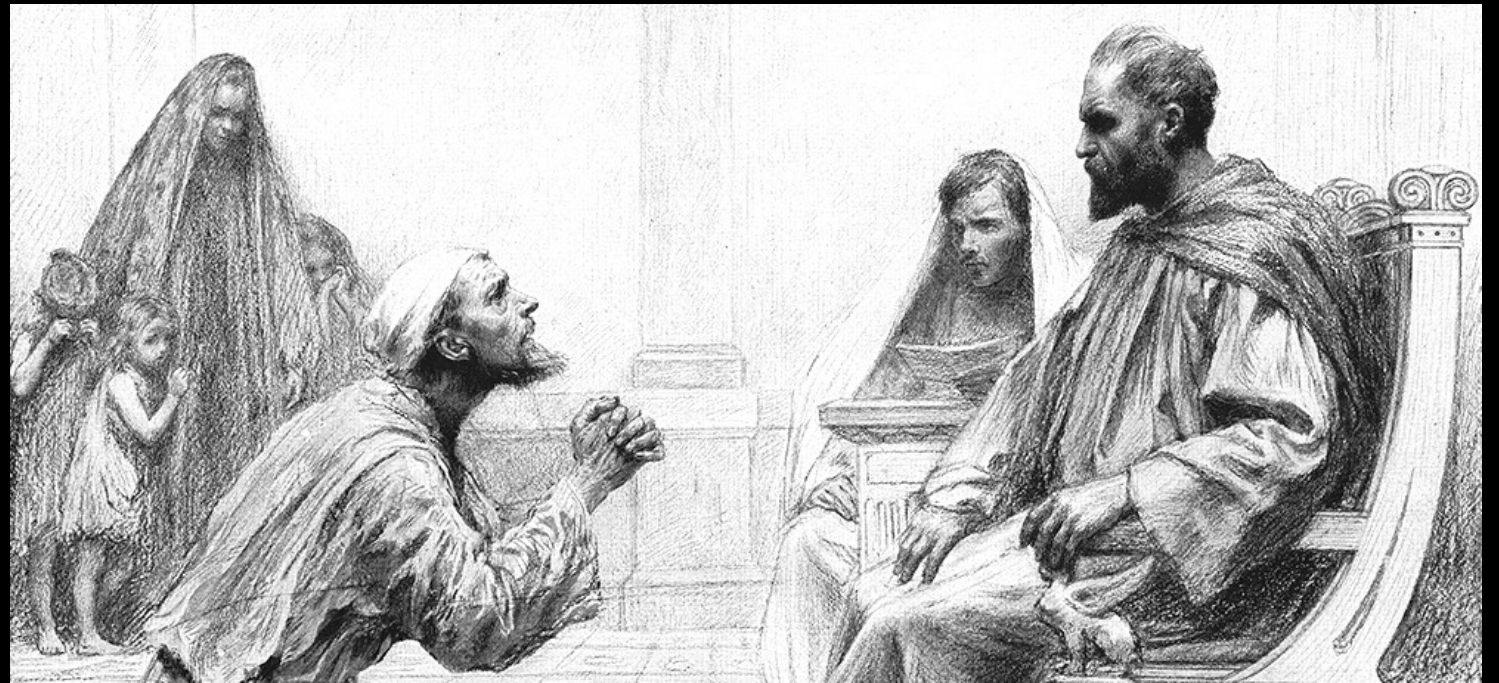
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Matthew 18:12-14, "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?"

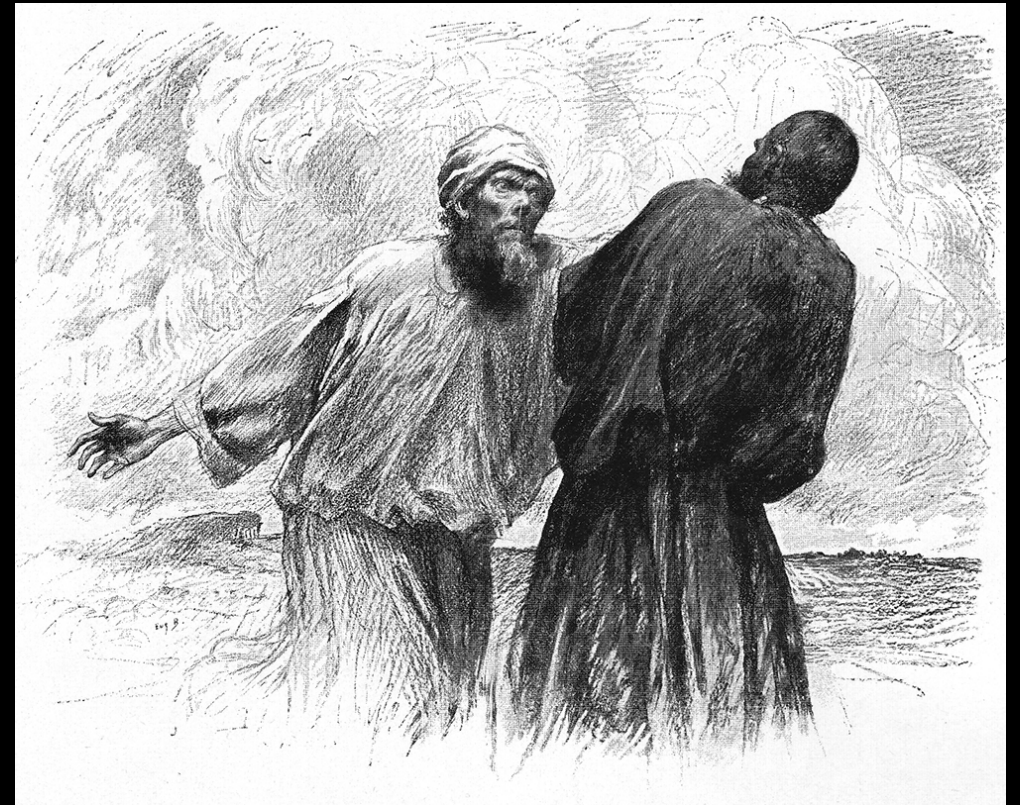


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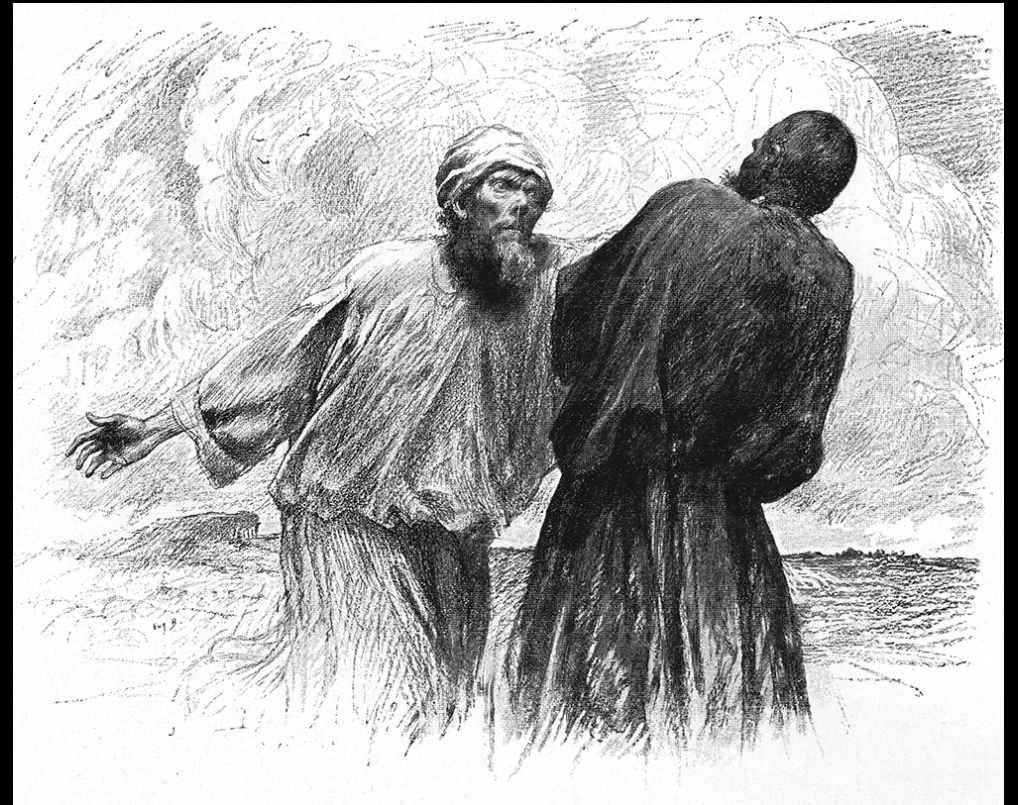
“And if he finds it, truly I tell you he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.”



Matthew 18:28-35, “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back,’ But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.”

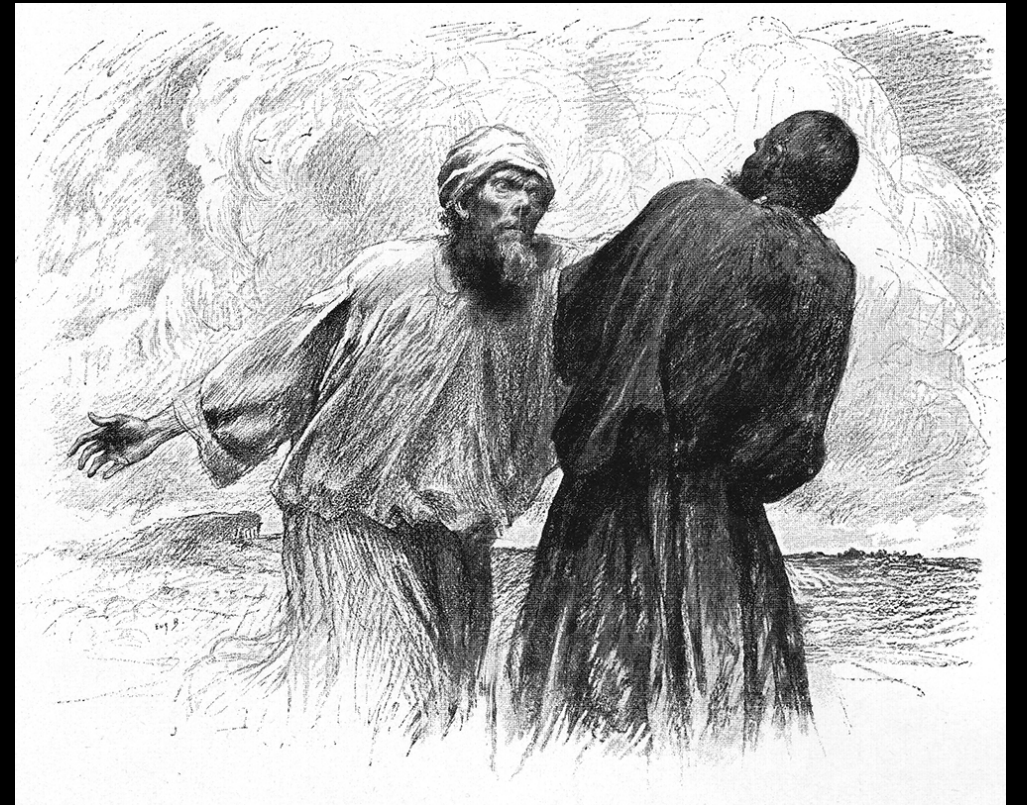


“When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all that he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive a brother or sister from your heart.”



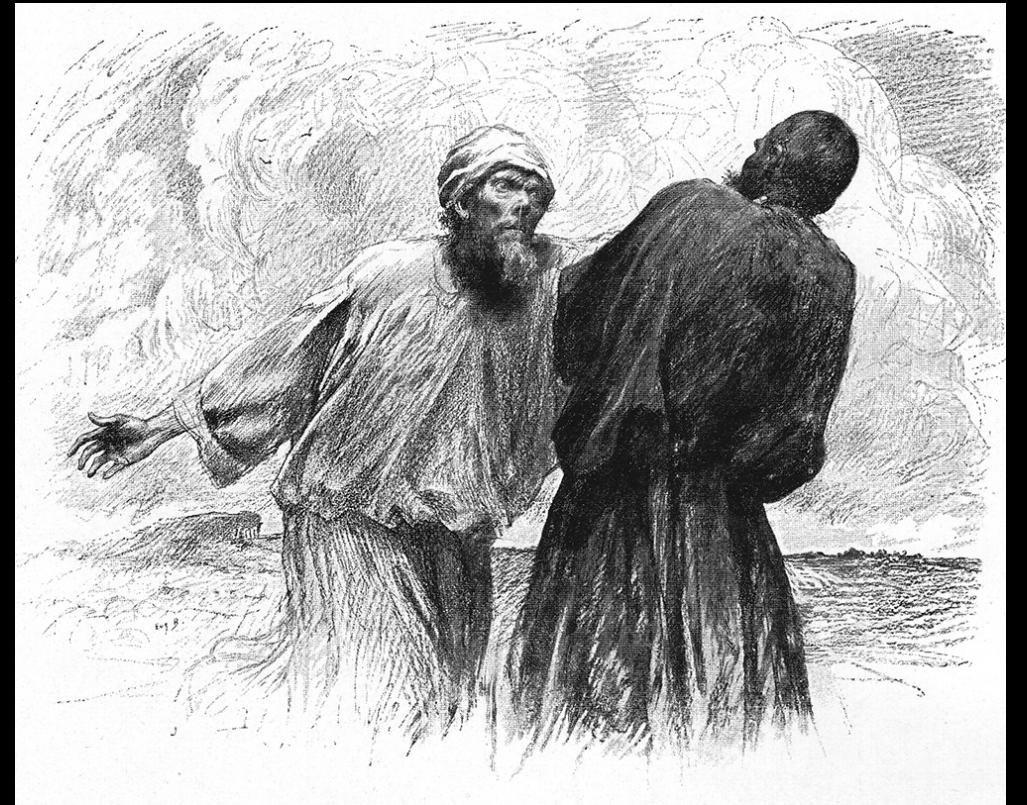
Let go of unforgiveness

Matthew 6:12, “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

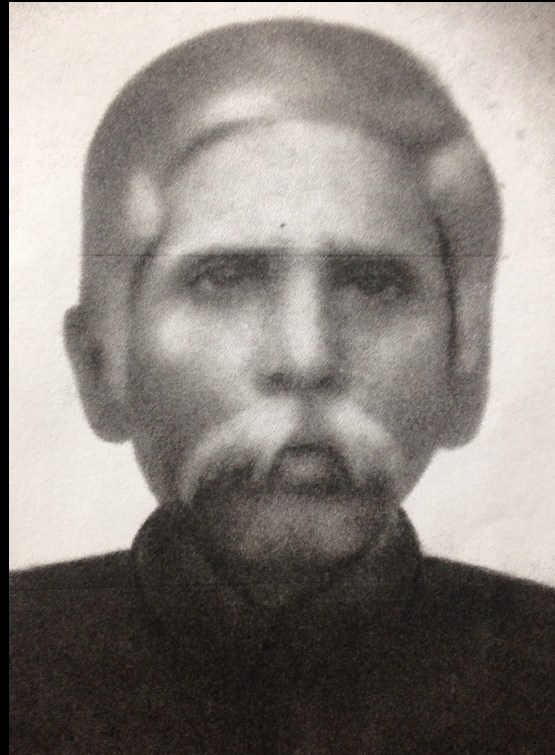


Let go of unforgiveness

Matthew 6:14-15, “For if you forgive others when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”



It's not complicated



It is complicated

- Assumptions and expectations
 - Assume the best
 - Postpone making a judgement
 - Ask some questions
 - I feel _____ about _____ because _____.

It is complicated

- Assumptions and expectations
- Forgiveness doesn't eliminate confrontation

Matthew 4:17, "From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'"

It is complicated

- Assumptions and expectations
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Matthew 18:15, "If a brother or sister sins, go and point out the fault..."

It is complicated

- Assumptions and expectations
- Forgiveness doesn't eliminate confrontation
- Forgiveness doesn't eliminate consequences

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth
as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us of our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.