

Trinity Bible Church  
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 Lesson 39

## Dispensational Transitions

- I. From the Dispersion into Babylon to the close of the Old Testament
- II. Between the Testaments.
- III. The New Testament World.
  - 10. The Sermon on the Mount.
    - Q. No Parading of Good Deeds. Matt 6:1-18
      - 1. The Bottom Line. Matt 6:1
      - 2. Example 1: Giving. Matt 6:2-4
      - 3. Example 2: Prayer. Matt 6:5-15 (The Lord's Prayer)

Matt 6:13 = Prayer For Guidance

L.T. = 'And may You not carry us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil *one*.'

### Summary:

1. Whether a given circumstance is a test or temptation is often just a matter of perspective.
  - A. A temptation is an enticement to sin and/or evil.
  - B. A test is an enticement to good.
  - C. A temptation is always a test.
  - D. A test is always a temptation.
2. We are to pray that we do not succumb to temptation. Matt 26:40-41
3. There is no temptation that cannot be overcome. 1 Cor 10:13-14
4. The temptation to wealth is a root of all kinds of evil. 1 Tim 6:9-10
5. It is unwise to put God to the test through disobedience. Heb 3:8-9
6. Joy is the proper attitude to have when encountering various trials. James 1:2-4
7. We are invited to rejoice now over our future with God. 1 Pet 1:3-9
8. God permits testing so that we can learn to praise Him in the midst of any circumstance. 1 Pet 4:12-13
9. The Lord can rescue you from temptation. 2 Pet 2:7-9
10. God will keep His church from the greatest hour of testing that the earth will ever face. Rev 3:10-11

Principle #5: Ask for victory in the battle.

Matt 6:14 = Forgiveness Is Essential.

L.T. = "For if you may forgive men of their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Matt 6:15 = Continued.

L.T. = But If you may not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

**Summary:**

1. **Forgiveness of others is essential to our prayer life. Mark 11:25**
  - A. **Forgiveness means to "leave behind."**
  - B. **Like other things it has a good and bad sense.**
2. **It is bad to forgive:**
  - A. **In the sense of tolerate, unrepentant overt sin. Rev 2:20-21**
  - B. **In the sense of "forgiving" or "leaving behind" God's moral code. Rom 1:27**
3. **We are called to forgive "as God has forgiven us." Eph 4:32; Col 3:12-13**
  - A. **To "forgive" is to "leave behind" so in context we should deal first with the mental attitude toward one who has wronged us.**
  - B. **There should not be any "gossip" about the one who has wronged us. Cf Matt 18:15-17**
  - C. **We should consider if it is a "sin of ignorance." Luke 23:34**
  - D. **Overl sins should be mentally "forgiven" by the offended, but authorities should hold accountable the offenders. Rom 13**
  - E. **The answer to how to handle various circumstances is often found only through intense, humble prayer.**
  - F. **It appears that the Jews, led by law, believed that they could offer sacrifices and be forgiven of God (Lev 4-6) but that man did not have to forgive.**
4. **We are called to apologize to those we may offend. Jas 5:15**
5. **Forgiving others is not designed to be easy, but it is indeed rewarding in this present life and the life to come, because it frees one to serve instead of seeking one's own revenge and not build a "root of bitterness." Heb 12:15**
6. **Transgressions:**
  - A. **Usually refer to conscious sins. Rom 5:15-21**
  - B. **Render us dead. Eph 2:1-10**
  - C. **Incur a debt we could not pay, so Christ did it for us. Col 2:13-14**
7. **Forgiving others of their transgressions:**
  - A. **Demonstrates Christ's payment for sins shows the riches of His grace in our own lives. Eph 1:7-8**
  - B. **Reminds us that our transgressions put Jesus on the cross. Rom 4:25**
  - C. **Is the basis for our ministry as an Ambassador for Jesus Christ. 2 Cor 5:18-21; Rom 15:7**
  - D. **Establishes a pattern for "bearing one another's burdens." Gal 6:1-4**
8. **To not forgive others is a transgression which the Father doesn't forgive until we forgive them.**