

“The Model Prayer: Praying for **Forgiveness**-Part 1”

Matthew 6:12, 14-15

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- I. The **Biblical View** of Sin
  - a. Sin in the **Old** Testament
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- II. The **Righteous Plea** for Forgiveness

- a. The Plea for **Positional** Forgiveness

Ecclesiastes 3:17 “I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for *there is* a time there for every purpose and for every work.”

Romans 2:16 “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.”

Ephesians 1:5-7 “Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. <sup>7</sup> In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”

Psalm 103:12 “As far as the east is from the west, *so* far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”

- b. The Plea for **Relational** Forgiveness

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

- III. The **Convicting Application**

John MacArthur “The aim of confession then is not to erase consequences, it’s to restore joy. And then the consequences are what they are. Your sins have consequences. They’re rocks thrown in the pond and the ripples go and they touch every shore. But God does promise when you’ve confessed and repented that He will show you lovingkindness and compassion because you are His eternal child... Your justification is settled forever. Don’t cover your sin, confess it. That’s what true Christians do. You’ve been bathed that you need continually to have your feet washed as they get dirty walking in your fallenness. If you don’t confess, you’ll be chastened. If you do confess, you may never be able to change the consequences but because you’re God’s child He’ll come to you in compassion and lovingkindness and minister to you.”