

The Unmerciful Servant

Matthew 18:21-35

1. Relate the story of the parable in 25 words or less.
2. What question asked by Peter resulted in the parable related by Jesus?
3. What did Jesus say the kingdom of heaven is like?
4. When the king had a reckoning, how much did one servant owe in today's money?
5. What was the punishment for a failure to pay the debt?
6. Upon what grounds did the king forgive the servant his debt?
7. How much did a fellow servant owe the one who had been forgiven his debt?

8. Did the man forgive the fellow-servant's debt?

9. Who reported the unmerciful servant to the king?

10. Why did the king call the forgiven man "wicked"?

11. What penalty was imposed upon the unmerciful servant?

12. Who is represented by the king in this parable?

13. Who are the servants in this parable?

14. Who is represented by the servant whose debt is so large that it is impossible to pay?

15. In what way is God's grace indicated by the king's forgiveness?

16. How does God look upon the refusal of his children to forgive others, as shown by the king in this parable?

17. Why is it that the unmerciful servant "worshipped" his lord (the king) while the fellow-servant only "fell down and besought" his creditor?

18. What did the unmerciful servant have to do to be forgiven, according to verse 32?

19. Do you think the unmerciful servant could have repaid the debt in his lifetime? What does this say about the enormity of the debt?

20. How is the unmerciful servant's conceit, that he could repay the debt if only given time, like the sinner who considers his debt as nothing, that he will be all right if only let alone?

21. Who or what were the “tormentors”?

22. What is Jesus’ own application of this parable?