

COMMENTARY ON MATTHEW 6:5-15 – PART 4

RELY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT TO ENABLE YOU TO FORGIVE. THE WORD "FORGIVE" (APHIEMI) LITERALLY MEANS "TO RELEASE, TO LET GO OF." SIMPLY PUT, FORGIVENESS IS LETTING GO OF MY RIGHT TO HURT YOU FOR HURTING ME. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, THE WORD FORGIVENESS WAS USED PRIMARILY TO DESCRIBE THE RELEASE OF SOMEONE FROM A FINANCIAL OBLIGATION. FORGIVENESS GIVES UP THE RIGHT TO HURT BACK. WHEN YOU FORGIVE SOMEONE, YOU ARE SAYING, "WHAT THAT PERSON DID TO ME WAS WRONG. HE HAS HURT ME DEEPLY AND DESERVES TO PAY FOR HIS OFFENSE. BUT TODAY I AM RELEASING HIM OF THE OBLIGATION HE HAS TOWARD ME. I AM NOT FORGIVING HIM BECAUSE HE HAS ASKED TO BE FORGIVEN OR DESERVES TO BE FORGIVEN. I AM FORGIVING HIM BECAUSE OF THE TREMENDOUS FORGIVENESS GOD HAS OFFERED ME." DOES BIBLICAL FORGIVENESS WORK LIKE A CHARM? NOT IN THE SENSE THAT YOU MAY THINK. ALTHOUGH I HAVE FORGIVEN VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS, FLESHLY THOUGHTS TOWARD THESE INDIVIDUALS STILL REAR THEIR UGLY HEAD. WHEN THIS OCCURS, WHETHER IT IS HOURLY, DAILY, WEEKLY, OR MONTHLY, MY GOAL IS TO RELEASE MY NEGATIVE EMOTIONS TO THE LORD. FORGIVENESS DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU WILL FORGET, IT MEANS YOU LET GO OF YOUR DESIRE TO RETALIATE. INSTEAD, YOU LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU (5:44). OBVIOUSLY, THIS REQUIRES SUPERNATURAL EMPOWERMENT.

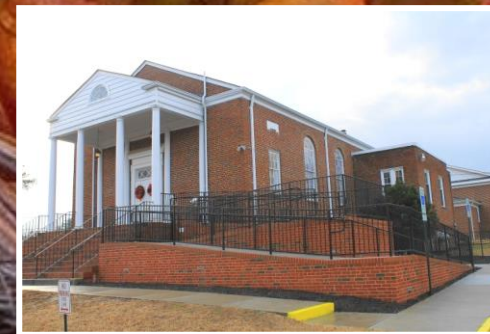
RECOGNIZE THE PERSONAL BENEFIT OF FORGIVENESS. IT IS POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP A ROOT OF BITTERNESS THAT WILL DEFILE YOU AND MANY OTHERS (HEBREWS 12:15). IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO FORGIVE, YOU WILL BE THE ONE WHO SUFFERS. IN THE END, THOSE WHOM YOU DON'T FORGIVE ARE HOLDING YOU AS A HOSTAGE. STOP FOR JUST A MOMENT AND THINK ABOUT THE PERSON OR PERSONS THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO FORGIVE. [SHOW THE CONGREGATION A ZIPLOC BAG WITH A ROTTEN POTATO.] IF I COULD, I WOULD HAVE YOU PURCHASE AS MANY POTATOES AS YOU HAVE ENEMIES. FOR EVERY ENEMY, I WOULD THEN HAVE YOU WRITE YOUR ENEMY'S NAME ON A POTATO AND THEN DATE IT. I WOULD THEN HAVE YOU CARRY THIS ZIPLOC WITH YOU EVERYWHERE—TO WORK, TO CHURCH, INTO THE SHOWER, TO THE DINING ROOM TABLE, EVEN INTO YOUR BED. PERHAPS YOUR BAG WOULD BECOME QUITE HEAVY. LUGGING THIS AROUND, PAYING ATTENTION TO IT ALL THE TIME AND REMEMBERING NOT TO LEAVE IT IN EMBARRASSING PLACES WOULD BE A HASSLE. OVER TIME THE POTATOES BECOME MOLDY, SMELLY, AND BEGIN TO SPROUT "EYES." THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU REFUSE TO FORGIVE. OFTEN, WE THINK OF FORGIVENESS AS A GIFT TO THE OTHER PERSON, BUT IT CLEARLY IS A GIFT TO OURSELVES. SAVE YOURSELF SOME GRIEF. UNLOAD YOUR UNFORGIVENESS TODAY.

LAST PETITION #6 – NEXT WEEK

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26th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 22, 2015

Thanksgiving Sunday



8:00 A.M. PREACHER
Reverend Frank Lomax, Jr.
Minister of Stewardship



10:55 A.M. PREACHER
Reverend Clara M. Owens
Associate Minister

Dr. Andrew M. Mosley, Jr. - Retired Pastor

Reverend P. Frances Watson - Retired Minister of Education

The Celebration of Morning Worship.....8:00 A.M.
 The Church School9:30 A.M.

Mr. Arthur W. Byrd, Jr., Deacon – Superintendent

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build
 my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18 KJV

The Prelude Ms. Angela M. Mosley
 “My Tribute” No. 329

The Call to Worship..... Minister
 “Great is the LORD: and greatly to be praised in the city of our GOD:
 in the mountain of his holiness.”

The Prayer of Invocation In Unison
 God our Father: you have given us a measure of faith, and told us to be
 good workmen. Keep us busy, brave, and unashamed, ever ready to greet
 your Son Jesus Christ, our judge and our redeemer. Amen.

The Chant No. 9
 “Alleluia”

The Responsive Reading..... Minister/Congregation
 “THANKSGIVING” No. 611

The Hymn of Praise and Adoration No. 326
 “WE GATHER TOGETHER”

THE MUSICAL INTERLUDE

The Welcome/Announcements/Recognitions
 Mrs. Edith Lomax, Deacon/Church Clerk

THE MUSICAL INTERLUDE

The Scripture..... Minister
 “Matthew 16:13-19”

Special Music..... The Volunteer Choir
 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” No. 127

The Prayer Minister

The Prayer Response Choir/Congregation
 “The Beautiful Garden of Prayer” No. 334

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS

- Mrs. Lillian Anderson Autumn Care of Mechanicsville
- Mrs. Michelle Crawford-Brooks Envoy of Westover Hills
- Mrs. Dorothy Clark 1261 Marywood Lane, Apt 311
- Mrs. Marie Collins Parham Healthcare
- Mr. Moses Fenner 2903 Lawson Street, 23224
- Mrs. Florine Fleming, Deaconess 6201 Whistler Road
- Mrs. Helen Foster Beth Sholom Lifecare – 1600 John Rolfe Prkwy - Room 208/Unit 2
- Miss Helena Fountain..... 607 Fountain Lane
- Mrs. Denise Hardy 10640 Anna Marie Drive
- Mr. Herbert Jackson 709 Parham Road
- Ms. Everlena King..... 4403 Forest Hill Avenue
- Ms. Marjorie McIntyre 1261 Marywood Lane, Apt 209
- Mrs. Josephine Norrell 2514 Shadyside Avenue, Suitland, MD 20746
- Mrs. Emma J. Truman..... Imperial Plaza, 1715 Bellevue Avenue, Apt 208
- Mrs. Florence Tyler..... 4551 Sadler Road
- Reverend P. Frances Watson..... 121 Taylor Avenue West, Hampton, Virginia 23663
- Mrs. Lucy Wells 9011 Midway Road
- Mr. Uriel Winfree..... 3210 Hunters Mill Circle
- Mr. James Woodson 3221 French Street

HOW MAY WE SERVE YOU?

- Sickness in the Home Seeking Church Membership
- Desires Offering Envelopes Desires A Pastoral Call
- Moved to the Address Below Children for Church School
- A Newcomer in the Community In Need of Prayer

NAME _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____ DATE _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Information supplied by: _____

Please check desired one(s), tear off, and place in the offering plate or give to the Minister.

DEACONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Mr. Arthur Byrd, Jr. (804) 276-9183 and Mr. Marc Edwards (804) 389-3833
 Please inform them of any persons that are sick

Announcements

TODAY at 6:00 P.M. COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE - Ridge Baptist Church, 1515 Eastridge Road, Richmond Virginia 23229

November 24 at 6:30 P.M. CHURCH HISTORY COMMITTEE – The Meeting will be Held in the New Fellowship Hall
 November 24 at 6:30 P.M. 150th Church Anniversary Promotions Committee
November 25 at 11:00 A.M. The Senior Citizen’s Ministry WILL NOT MEET
 November 25 at 6:45 P.M. NO Bible Study – NO Prayer / Praise
November 26 THANKSGIVING DAY
 November 29 MISSION SUNDAY
December 2 at 11:00 A.M. The Senior Citizen’s Ministry will meet
 December 2 at 6:45 P.M. Bible Study – Teacher – Reverend Faye Cooper Baldwin
December 2 at 7:30 P.M. Prayer and Praise
 December 3 at 10:00 A.M. Annual Gift Wrap Project - Providence Park Baptist Church – Sponsored by Tuckahoe Women’s Auxiliary

December 3 at 6:00 P.M. The Ushers will meet
 December 3 at 6:00 P.M. Children/Youth Mass Choir Rehearsal
December 3 at 6:30 P.M. Sunday School Christmas Play Rehearsal
 December 3 at 7:00 P.M. The Sanctuary Choir will rehearse
December 5 at 9:00 A.M. Men’s Fellowship Meeting at the Woodson’s House
 December 5 10:00 AM-1:00 PM GIRL SCOUTS MEETING
December 7 at 6:00 P.M. The Commission on Finance will meet
 December 7 at 7:00 P.M. CHURCH MEETING – BUSINESS OF IMPORTANCE!!
December 9 at 11:00 A.M. The Senior Citizen’s Ministry will meet
 December 9 at 6:45 P.M. Bible Study – Teacher – Reverend Faye Cooper Baldwin
December 9 at 7:30 P.M. Prayer and Praise
 December 10 at 6:30 P.M. 150th Church Anniversary Prayer Breakfast Committee Meeting

December 10 at 7:00 P.M. The Sanctuary Choir will rehearse
 December 12 at 11:00 A.M. The Choral Ensemble will rehearse
December 14 at 6:00 P.M. The Trustees will meet
 December 16 at 11:00 A.M. The Senior Citizen’s Ministry will meet
December 16 at 7:00 P.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
 December 17 at 6:30 P.M. The Male Chorus will rehearse
December 17 at 7:00 P.M. The Sanctuary Choir will rehearse
 December 19 at 8:30 A.M. Deacon’s Meeting
December 19 at 10:00 A.M. Deaconess’ Meeting
 December 20 at 4:00 P.M. SANCTUARY CHOIR CONCERT
December 21 at 6:00 P.M. The Commission on Finance will meet
 December 21 at 6:30 P.M. Meeting - Deacon’s Conference of Richmond and Vicinity First African Baptist Church, 2700 Hanes Ave., Richmond

December 21 at 7:00 P.M. The Women in Mission Ministry will meet

THE MUSICAL INTERLUDE

The Stewardship Challenge/Prayer..... Mr. George Willcox, Deacon
 “I Corinthians 16:1-2”

THE MUSICAL OFFERING/TITHES/OFFERINGS

(Benevolence).....In Unison
 “Psalm 24” *KJV*
(MORTGAGE)..... Ushers/Deacons/Congregation
 “Praise Him!”
(Tithes/General)..... Ushers/Deacons/Congregation
 “You Can’t Beat God Giving” **No. 528**

The Offertory Prayer Mrs. Norma Hudgins, Deacon

The Offertory Response.....**No. 559**
 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

The Hymn of Preparation.....**No. 325**
 “Count Your Blessings”

The Sermon **Reverend Frank Lomax, Jr.**
 Minister of Stewardship
 “THE CHURCH IN TIMES LIKE THESE”

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The Invitational Hymn**No. 198**
 “I Surrender All”

The Silent Moment

The Benediction/Grace Reverend Lomax

The Choral Response Choir/Congregation
 “The Threefold Amen” **No. 553**

The Postlude..... “Let the Church Say AMEN”

The Period of Prayer and Praise.....10:40 A.M.
The Celebration of Morning Worship..... 10:55 A.M.

“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”

1 Corinthians 4:2 KJV

The Prelude Ms. Angela M. Mosley

The Introit **No. 29**
“He Is Lord”

Processional Selection..... Choir/Congregation
“Every Day is Thanksgiving” **No. 328**

The Call to Worship..... Minister

“Great is the LORD: and greatly to be praised in the city of our GOD:
in the mountain of his holiness.”

The Prayer of Invocation In Unison

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“Alleluia”

The Responsive Reading..... Saleena Bankhead/Congregation
“THANKSGIVING” **No. 611**

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The Welcome/Announcements/Recognitions

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The Scripture..... Micaiah Hartzog
“1 Corinthians 4:1-2”, “Hebrews 12:15”

Special Music..... The Choral Ensemble

The Prayer Donovan Bankhead

The Prayer Response Choir/Congregation
“Thank You, Lord” **No. 324**

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The Preparational Selection..... The Choral Ensemble

The Sermon **Reverend Clara M. Owens**
Associate Minister

“DON’T JUMP SHIP! KEEP ROWING”

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