

PARABLE of the Unforgiving Slave: MERCY and FORGIVENESS

PUPPET VOICES:

- Narrator – 5 parts
- Master – 1 part
- Slave – 2 parts
- Fellow Slave – 1 part

Narrator:

Shalom!! There is a wonderful parable or short story, written in Matthew 18, verses 21-35 that Yahshua gave to teach us about mercy and forgiveness. He was with the disciples when Peter asked him how many times he should forgive his brother with him who is at fault. He asked Yahshua if he should forgive him up to seven times.

Yahshua said to Peter, “I do not say to you, until seven times, but rather until seventy times seventy seven”.

Then Yahshua began telling him, the kingdom of Heaven has been compared to a man, a king, who desired to take account with his slaves.

He having begun to reckon, one debtor of ten thousand talents was brought near to him. But he not having any to repay, his master commanded him to be sold, also his wife and children, and all things, as much as he had, even to pay back.

Then having fallen down, the slave bowed the knee to him, saying...

Slave:

Master, have patience with me, and I will pay all to you.

Narrator:

Being filled with pity, the Master of that slave released him and forgave him the loan. But having gone out, that slave found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii.

Seizing him, he choked him, saying...

Slave:

PAY ME WHATEVER YOU OWE!!!

Narrator:

Then having fallen down at his feet, his fellow slave begged him, saying...

Fellow Slave:

Have patience with me, and I will pay all to you!

Narrator:

But he would not, having gone away he threw him into prison until he should pay back the amount owed. His fellow slaves, seeing the things happening, they were greatly grieved. They reported to their Master all the things happening. Then having called him near, his Master said to him...

Master:

Wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt, since you begged me. Ought you not also to have mercy on your fellow slave, as I also had mercy?

Narrator:

Being angry, his Master delivered him up to the tormentors until he pay back all that debt to him.

So, Yahshua told Peter, that My heavenly Father will do to you unless each of you from your hearts forgive his brother their offenses.

Do you understand the lesson Yahshua is teaching us? When somebody does something wrong to us and asks for our forgiveness, Yahshua wants us to have mercy and compassion on them and to forgive them with our whole heart. He doesn't want us to be angry or bitter against them.

He said to forgive seventy times seventy seven! Wow, that's a lot of times! Yahshua is telling us that we need to ALWAYS have a heart to forgive no matter how many times a wrong is done against us.

If we choose not to have mercy and don't forgive someone who did something wrong to us, the heavenly Father will not forgive us of our sins.

So remember, forgive always! SHALOM!!!