



The
BANKRUPTCY
of the *Blessed*

MATTHEW 18:21-35

THE BOUNDARY

OF

“Good Enough”



MATTHEW 18:21

“Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

Psalm 103:10-12

¹⁰HE DOES NOT DEAL WITH US ACCORDING TO OUR SINS,
NOR REPAY US ACCORDING TO OUR INIQUITIES.

¹¹FOR AS HIGH AS THE HEAVENS ARE ABOVE THE EARTH,
SO GREAT IS HIS STEADFAST LOVE TOWARD THOSE WHO
FEAR HIM; ¹²AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST, SO
FAR DOES HE REMOVE OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US.



THE *Debt* PROBLEM



The 10,000 talent debt illustrates the **impossible burden of what we owe to the Creator** because of our brokenness and rebellion.

THE *Delusion* OF "I AM WORKING ON MYSELF"



But the Gospel is a **Theology of the Cross**.
He cancels the debt. He absorbs the loss.
Forgiveness is never "free."

Romans

3:10-12

¹⁰AS IT IS WRITTEN: “NONE IS RIGHTEOUS, NO, NOT ONE;

¹¹NO ONE UNDERSTANDS; NO ONE SEEKS FOR GOD.

¹² ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE; TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME WORTHLESS; NO ONE DOES GOOD, NOT EVEN ONE.”

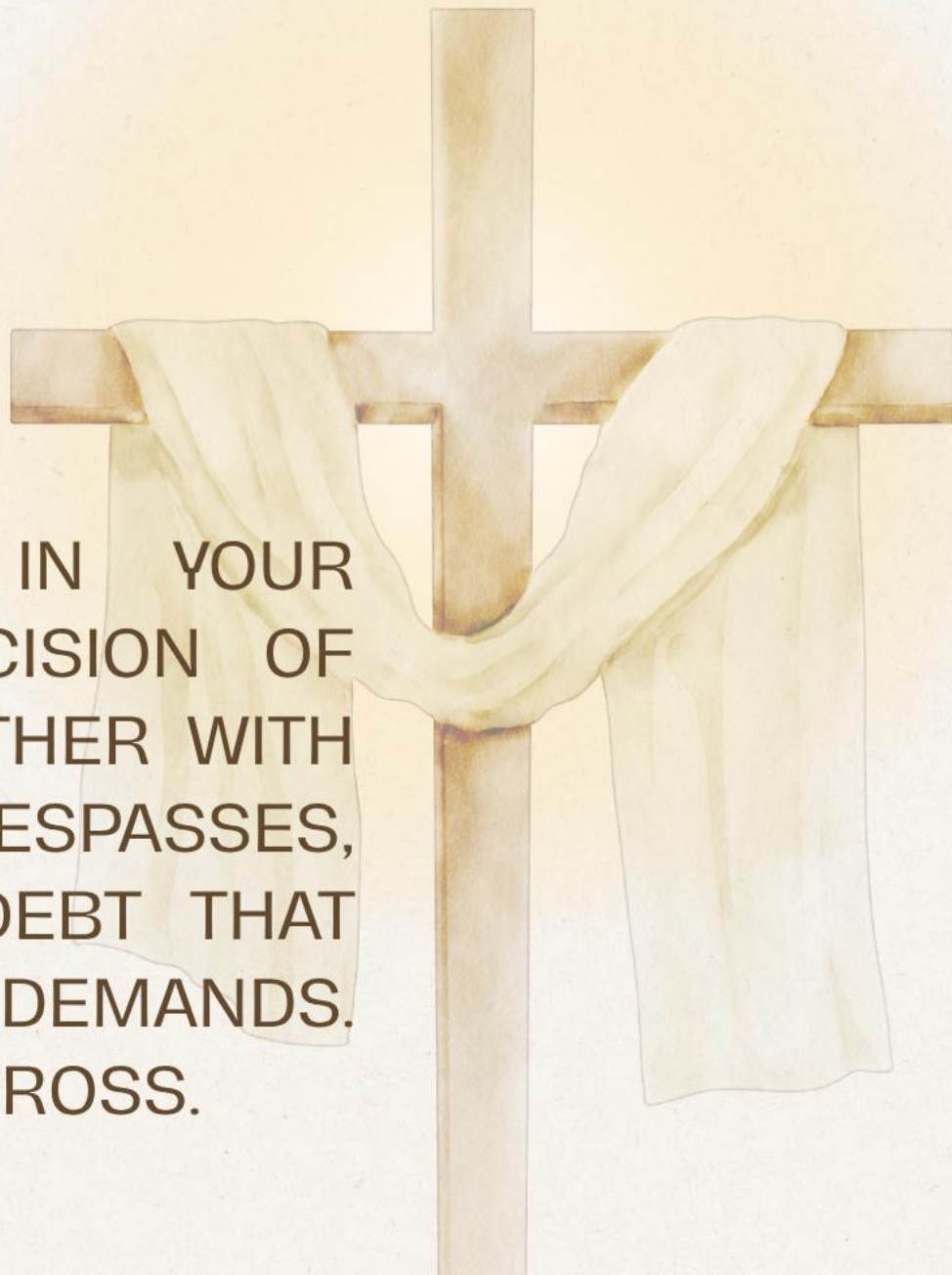


COLOSSIANS

2:13-14

The Scandal of the Cross

¹³AND YOU, WHO WERE DEAD IN YOUR TRESPASSES AND THE UNCIRCUMCISION OF YOUR FLESH, GOD MADE ALIVE TOGETHER WITH HIM, HAVING FORGIVEN US ALL OUR TRESPASSES,
¹⁴BY CANCELING THE RECORD OF DEBT THAT STOOD AGAINST US WITH ITS LEGAL DEMANDS. THIS HE SET ASIDE, NAILING IT TO THE CROSS.



THE 3-MONTH

Debt

VS

THE
Forgetfulness
of the

FORGIVEN



THE *Forgetfulness* of the FORGIVEN



The first servant forgot the debt that he had been forgiven the moment he saw the debt he had been owed.

We are saying that the offense against us is more significant than our offense against the Holiness of God.

1 John 4:20-21

²⁰IF ANYONE SAYS, "I LOVE GOD," AND HATES HIS BROTHER, HE IS A LIAR; FOR HE WHO DOES NOT LOVE HIS BROTHER WHOM HE HAS SEEN CANNOT LOVE GOD WHOM HE HAS NOT SEEN. ²¹AND THIS COMMANDMENT WE HAVE FROM HIM: WHOEVER LOVES GOD MUST ALSO LOVE HIS BROTHER.



Ephesians

4:26-27

²⁶BE ANGRY AND DO NOT SIN;
DO NOT LET THE SUN GO DOWN ON YOUR ANGER,
²⁷AND GIVE NO OPPORTUNITY TO THE DEVIL.





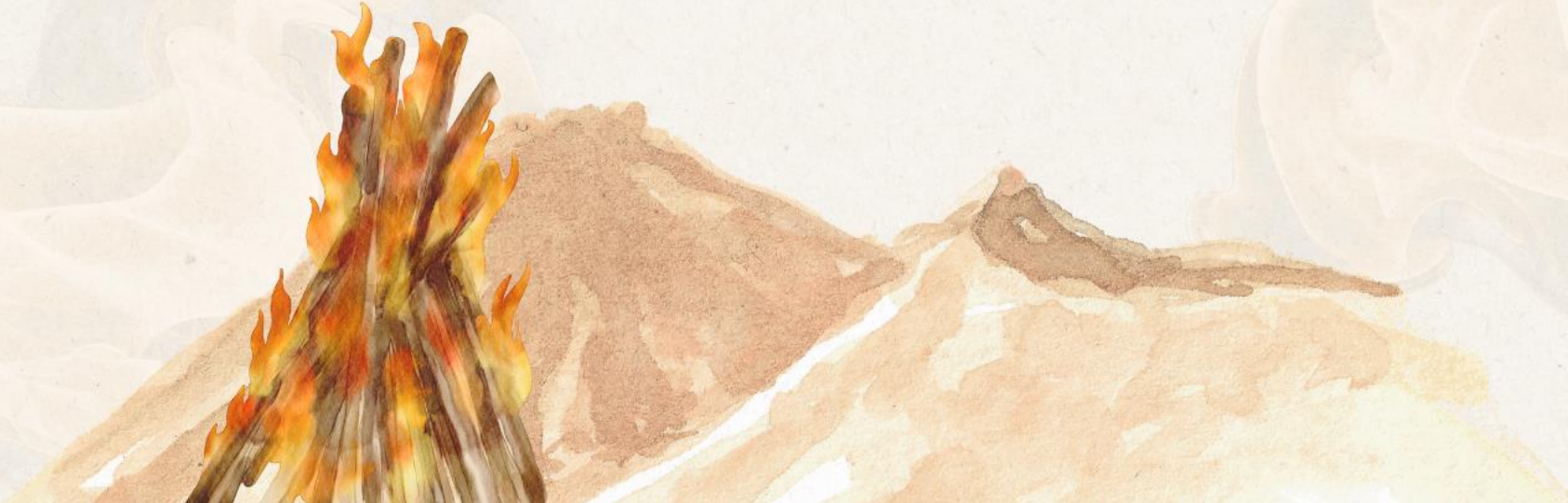
Matthew 6:14-15

¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

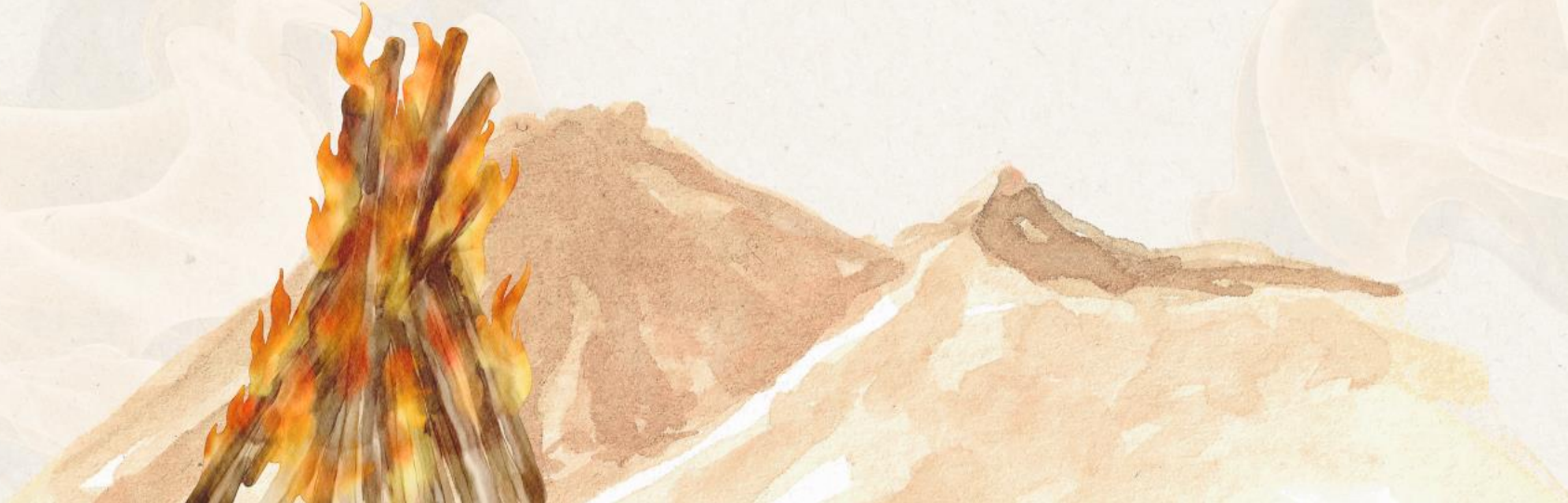
THE INTERNAL *Hell*

So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

MATTHEW 18:35



“...the one who refuses to forgive, the Christian who harbors grudges, bitter feelings toward another, will be turned over to torturous thoughts, feelings of misery, and agonizing unrest within.” (Swindoll)



THE *Freedom* OF ZERO



✦ In a culture of "cancelation," the people of God must be a people of "cancellation of debt." In a world that is obsessed with "claw back," we must be a people who "handout" the grace you've received. ✦



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Blessed ✨ ✨
BANKRUPTS

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE
AND SERVE THE LORD