

THE ROAD MAP

AUGUST :

CHAPTER 18: 1-20

THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM
THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP
A BROTHER WHO SINS AGAINST YOU

TONIGHT:

CHAPTER 18: 21-35

PETER'S QUESTION ON FORGIVENESS
THE PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT

MATTHEW CHAPTER 18:1 - 5

AT THAT TIME THE DISCIPLES CAME TO JESUS AND ASKED,
"WHO IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN?"

HE CALLED A LITTLE CHILD AND HAD HIM STAND AMONG THEM.
AND HE SAID: "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, UNLESS YOU CHANGE
AND BECOME LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN,
YOU WILL NEVER ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

THEREFORE, WHOEVER HUMBLER HIMSELF LIKE THIS CHILD IS THE
GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
AND WHOEVER WELCOMES A LITTLE CHILD LIKE THIS
IN MY NAME WELCOMES ME."

MATTHEW CHAPTER 18: 6 - 9

“BUT IF ANYONE CAUSES ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES WHO BELIEVE IN ME TO SIN, IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM TO HAVE A LARGE MILLSTONE HUNG AROUND HIS NECK AND TO BE DROWNED IN THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA.

“WOE TO THE WORLD BECAUSE OF THE THINGS THAT CAUSE PEOPLE TO SIN! SUCH THINGS MUST COME, BUT WOE TO THE MAN THROUGH WHOM THEY COME!

“IF YOUR HAND OR YOUR FOOT CAUSES YOU TO SIN, CUT IT OFF AND THROW IT AWAY. IT IS BETTER FOR YOU TO ENTER LIFE MAIMED OR CRIPPLED THAN TO HAVE TWO HANDS OR TWO FEET AND BE THROWN INTO ETERNAL FIRE.
AND IF YOUR EYE CAUSES YOU TO SIN,
GOUGE IT OUT AND THROW IT AWAY.

IT IS BETTER FOR YOU TO ENTER LIFE WITH ONE EYE THAN TO HAVE TWO EYES AND BE THROWN INTO THE FIRE OF HELL.”

MATTHEW CHAPTER 18: 10-14

“SEE THAT YOU DO NOT LOOK DOWN ON ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES.
FOR I TELL YOU THAT THEIR ANGELS IN HEAVEN
ALWAYS SEE THE FACE OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN.

“WHAT DO YOU THINK? IF A MAN OWNS A HUNDRED SHEEP,
AND ONE OF THEM WANDERS AWAY, WILL HE NOT LEAVE
THE NINETY-NINE ON THE HILLS AND GO TO LOOK
FOR THE ONE THAT WANDERED OFF?

AND IF HE FINDS IT, I TELL YOU THE TRUTH,
HE IS HAPPIER ABOUT THAT ONE SHEEP THAN ABOUT
THE NINETY-NINE THAT DID NOT WANDER OFF.
IN THE SAME WAY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN IS NOT WILLING
THAT ANY OF THESE LITTLE ONES SHOULD BE LOST.”

MATTHEW CHAPTER 18: 15-17

“IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST YOU, GO AND SHOW HIM HIS FAULT, JUST BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU. IF HE LISTENS TO YOU, YOU HAVE WON YOUR BROTHER OVER.

“BUT IF HE WILL NOT LISTEN, TAKE ONE OR TWO OTHERS ALONG, SO THAT EVERY MATTER MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES.

“IF HE REFUSES TO LISTEN TO THEM, TELL IT TO THE CHURCH; AND IF HE REFUSES TO LISTEN EVEN TO THE CHURCH, TREAT HIM AS YOU WOULD A PAGAN OR A TAX COLLECTOR.”

MATTHEW CHAPTER 18: 18 - 20

“I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH WILL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN, AND WHATEVER YOU LOOSE ON EARTH WILL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN.

“AGAIN, I TELL YOU THAT IF TWO OF YOU ON EARTH AGREE ABOUT ANYTHING YOU ASK FOR, IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU BY MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE COME TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I WITH THEM.”

MATTHEW CHAPTER 18: 21 - 27

“THEN PETER CAME TO JESUS AND ASKED,
“LORD, HOW MANY TIMES SHALL I FORGIVE MY BROTHER
WHEN HE SINS AGAINST ME? UP TO SEVEN TIMES?”
JESUS ANSWERED, “I TELL YOU, NOT SEVEN TIMES,
BUT SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES.

“THEREFORE, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A KING
WHO WANTED TO SETTLE ACCOUNTS WITH HIS SERVANTS.
AS HE BEGAN THE SETTLEMENT, A MAN WHO OWED HIM TEN THOUSAND
TALENTS WAS BROUGHT TO HIM. SINCE HE WAS NOT ABLE TO PAY,
THE MASTER ORDERED THAT HE AND HIS WIFE AND HIS CHILDREN
AND ALL THAT HE HAD BE SOLD TO REPAY THE DEBT.

“THE SERVANT FELL ON HIS KNEES BEFORE HIM.
‘BE PATIENT WITH ME,’ HE BEGGED, ‘AND I WILL PAY BACK EVERYTHING.’
THE SERVANT’S MASTER TOOK PITY ON HIM,
CANCELED THE DEBT AND LET HIM GO.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 18: 28 - 30

“BUT WHEN THAT SERVANT WENT OUT,
HE FOUND ONE OF HIS FELLOW SERVANTS WHO OWED HIM
A HUNDRED DENARII. HE GRABBED HIM AND BEGAN TO CHOKE HIM.
'PAY BACK WHAT YOU OWE ME!' HE DEMANDED.

"HIS FELLOW SERVANT FELL TO HIS KNEES AND BEGGED HIM,
'BE PATIENT WITH ME, AND I WILL PAY YOU BACK.'

"BUT HE REFUSED. INSTEAD, HE WENT OFF AND HAD THE MAN
THROWN INTO PRISON UNTIL HE COULD PAY THE DEBT.
WHEN THE OTHER SERVANTS SAW WHAT HAD HAPPENED,
THEY WERE GREATLY DISTRESSED AND WENT AND
TOLD THEIR MASTER EVERYTHING THAT HAD HAPPENED

MATTHEW CHAPTER 18: 32 - 35

“THEN THE MASTER CALLED THE SERVANT IN.

‘YOU WICKED SERVANT,’ HE SAID.

‘I CANCELED ALL THAT DEBT OF YOURS BECAUSE YOU BEGGED ME TO.
SHOULDN’T YOU HAVE HAD MERCY ON YOUR FELLOW SERVANT
JUST AS I HAD ON YOU?’

IN ANGER HIS MASTER TURNED HIM OVER TO THE JAILERS TO BE
TORTURED, UNTIL HE SHOULD PAY BACK ALL HE OWED.

“THIS IS HOW MY HEAVENLY FATHER WILL TREAT EACH OF YOU
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LUKE 17:1-4

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BOUND TO COME, BUT WOE TO THAT PERSON THROUGH WHOM THEY COME.
IT WOULD BE BETTER TO BE THROWN INTO THE SEA WITH A MILLSTONE TIED
AROUND HIS NECK THAN TO CAUSE ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES TO SIN.
SO WATCH YOURSELVES.

IF YOUR BROTHER SINS, REBUKE HIM, AND IF HE REPENTS, FORGIVE HIM. IF
HE SINS AGAINST YOU SEVEN TIMES IN A DAY, AND SEVEN TIMES COMES BACK
TO YOU AND SAYS, ‘I REPENT’ FORGIVE HIM.

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GENESIS 4:24

“IF CAIN IS AVENGED SEVEN TIMES, THEN LAMECH SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES”

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CRAIG L. BLOMBERG

“JESUS’ ADVICE MAY WORK WELL WITH UNBELIEVERS TOO, BUT HIS PRIMARY FOCUS REMAINS ON BELIEVERS. AND GENUINE REPENTANCE, WHICH INCLUDES CHANGED BEHAVIOR, MUST OCCUR, OR THE PRINCIPLES OF VERSES 15-18 COME INTO PLAY INSTEAD.”

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1 TALENT = THE HIGHEST DENOMINATION IN ROME
10,000 = THE HIGHEST NUMBER FOR WHICH GREEK
HAD A PARTICULAR WORD

1 TALENT = DENARIUS X 6000 TO 10,000
10,000 TALENTS = ROUGHLY 60,000,000 TO 100,000,000 DENARII

BOTTOM LINE = AN INSURMOUNTABLE DEBT TO PAY;
SUCH A HYPERBOLE THAT SOME SCHOLARS QUESTION
IF THE DISCIPLES COULD EVEN UNDERSTAND THE NUMBER

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MATTHEW 6:12, 14-15

“FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS...
FOR IF YOU FORGIVE MEN WHEN THEY SIN AGAINST YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER
WILL FORGIVE YOU. BUT IF YOU DO NOT FORGIVE MEN THEIR SINS,
YOUR FATHER WILL NOT FORGIVE YOUR SINS.”

“THIS IS HOW MY HEAVENLY FATHER WILL TREAT EACH OF YOU
UNLESS YOU FORGIVE YOUR BROTHER FROM YOUR HEART.”

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DONALD HAUGNER

“DISCIPLES ARE THE FORGIVEN WHO FORGIVE. AND AS GOD’S FORGIVENESS IS INEXHAUSTIBLE, SO TOO MUST DISCIPLES CULTIVATE THEIR ABILITY TO RENEW THEIR FORGIVENESS TO OTHERS AGAIN AND AGAIN.”

(WORD BIBLICAL COMMENTARY)

“AS GOD FREELY FORGIVES THOSE WHO HAVE SINNED AGAINST HIM, SO ARE THE DISCIPLES TO FREELY FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST THEM. IN BOTH INSTANCES, THE REPENTANCE OF THE SINNER IS ASSUMED. THE FAILURE TO FORGIVE ONE WHO IS REPENTANT CASTS DOUBT UPON THE GENUINENESS OF THE PERSON’S DISCIPLESHIP.”

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MATTHEW CHAPTER 18: 21-35

APPLICATION

- 1) BACK TO VERSES 15-18, IS THERE A FELLOW BELIEVER WHO HAS SINNED AGAINST YOU THAT YOU HAVE NOT SPOKEN WITH? YOU NEED TO ENGAGE THAT PERSON, BECAUSE THEY MAY NOT KNOW THEIR SIN AGAINST YOU, OR IF THEY DO, THEY MAY BE AVOIDING IT. GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPENT AND BE FORGIVEN.
- 2) HAS A FELLOW BELIEVER REPENTED AND ASKED FORGIVENESS OF YOU, BUT YOU REFUSE TO FORGIVE THEM IN RETURN? IF SO, YOU NEED TO BRING THAT BEFORE GOD AND IMMEDIATELY WORK TOWARDS FORGIVING THE PERSON IN LIGHT OF GOD'S INEXHAUSTIBLE FORGIVENESS TOWARDS YOU.



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