**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 19 November 2023**

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**Theme : The Unforgiveable Sin**

**JESUS CHRIST Will Be Coming Back Soon Any DAY**

**~ Are you Watching Out for HIM ?**

**~ Are you Expecting HIM ?**

**Hebrews 9: 28**So CHRIST was Offered Once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for HIM

HE will Appear a Second time, apart from sin, for Salvation.

**DO we Realize What A Marvelous GOD we serve ?**

**~ How Big & Great, How Loving & Kind, How Patient & Tender.**

**Moses who was Called of GOD, Crying Out to GOD,**

**~ Praying to find Grace in GOD’s Sight.**

**~ To Know GOD, the Ways of GOD to Please HIM.**

**(Reference Exodus 33: 12 – 13)**

**GOD is Not Interested in Religious Formalities**

**~ HE Wants Relationship and Fellowship with us.**

1. **What is our GOD like ?**
2. **GOD is Love**

**~ John 3: 16**

**~ 1 John 4: 8**

1. **HE is Holy GOD**

**~ HE will Judge SIN**

**~ HE will Bless Obedience**

**~ HE Gave us Examples in OT**

**1 Corinthians 10: 11 (AMP)**

Now these things happened to them as an Example andWarning [to us]; they were written for our Instruction [to admonish and equip us], upon whom the Ends of the ages have come.

**King Hezekiah’s Good Example**

**~ 2 Kings 18, 19**

**~ 2 Chronicle 32**

**King Manasseh’s Bad Example**

**~ 2 Kings 21**

**~ 2 Chronicles 33**

1. **HE is Merciful GOD**

**~ Manasseh Repented**

**2 Chronicles 33: 12 – 13**

Now when he was in affliction, he implored the LORD his GOD, and humbled himself greatly before the GOD of his fathers, and prayed to HIM; and HE received his entreaty, heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD was GOD.

**Isaiah 55: 7**

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, and HE will have mercy on him; and to our GOD, For HE will abundantly pardon.

**~ Reference Proverbs 28: 13**

**(2) The Sin GOD Warned us Against**

**~ The Sin of Unforgiveness**

1. **The LORD’s Prayer**

**Matthew 6: 12, 14 – 15**

“And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.”

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly FATHER will also Forgive you.

But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your FATHER Forgive your trespasses.”

1. **The LORD’s Instructions**

**~ Unforgiveness hinders our Prayers**

**~ Illustration – Lady in Penang, Spinal issue**

**Matthew 18: 21 – 22**

Then Peter came to HIM and said, "LORD, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him ?

Up to seven times ?"

JESUS Said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but Up to seventy times seven.”

**(c) The Parable of the unforgiving servant**

**Matthew 18: 23 – 30**

Therefore the Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and

all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying,

'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying,

'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till

he should pay the debt.”

**Matthew 18: 32 – 33**

Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt

because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant,

just as I had pity on you?'

**Matthew 18: 34 – 35**

And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. "So MY Heavenly FATHER also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother

his trespasses."

**The Way to Forgive :**

**~ From our hearts !**

**Philippians 4: 13**

I can do all things through CHRIST Who Strengthens me.

**2 Corinthians 2: 10 – 11**

Now whom you forgive anything, I also Forgive.  For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the Presence of CHRIST, lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

**Anything by our own effort is Flesh > SIN**

**Conclusion :**

**Proverbs 29: 1**

He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

**~ Illustration – Evangelist’s mother-in-law.**

**Price of Unforgiveness :**

**~ Our prayers not answered**

**~ Our sins not forgiven**

**~ Walls of GOD’s Protection upon our lives be removed**