

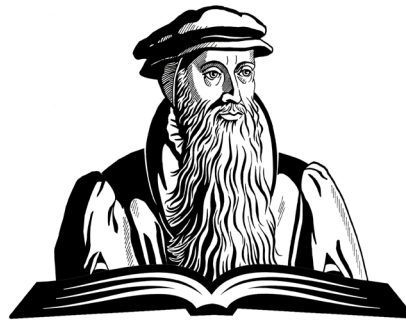
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Lecture #7

*Forgive Us Our Debts,
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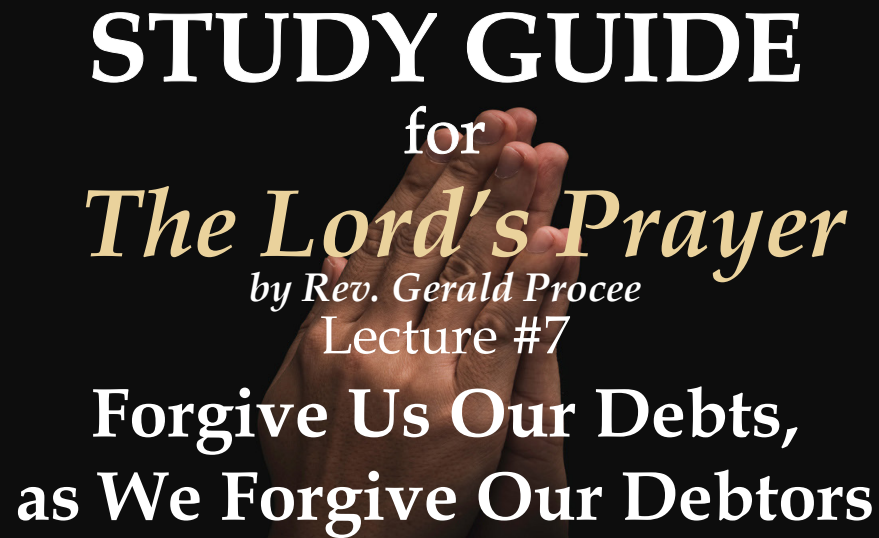
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Scripture Text

"Forgive Us Our Debts, as We Forgive Our Debtors."—Matthew 6:12

Key Points

1. Introduction: Every day we all transgress God's laws and sin against him.
 - a. "Forgive us our debts" means that we want God to forgive all of our sins that we commit against him. Everyone sins against God all the time.
 - b. Sin is our main problem in life. It leads us to death and misery.
2. "Forgive us our debts." We are called to daily confess our sins before God.
 - a. We should confess our actual sins, deeds, words we have spoken, bad attitudes, and natural inclination to evil.
 - b. We are all condemned by our attitude, by our deeds, and by our spoken words.
3. It is a miracle and a blessing that God would forgive sins. Only for the sake of Jesus Christ.
 - a. You must believe in and be united to the Lord Jesus Christ, trusting in him. Then your sins will be forgiven.
 - b. After we are converted, we must still pray this petition daily, because God's children still sin every day. We still have a sinful nature.
 - c. This petition, "forgive," is the breath of a believing soul.
 - d. Forgiveness is only possible because of the finished work and perfect sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary.
 - e. The intercession, sacrifice, and invitation of our great High Priest, Jesus Christ.
 - f. The danger of neglecting this prayer.

4. “Forgive us” also implies that we should confess the sins of others and pray for them too.
5. “As we forgive our debtors.”
 - a. The Lord Jesus teaches us to forgive those who transgress against us (Matthew 6:14–15).
 - b. What we have done to God is far worse than what others have done to us.
 - c. Ask grace from God to forgive others. Be quick to forgive, as God has forgiven you.

Review Questions

1. Why is it important for us to pray this petition daily? Do we all have a sinful nature, and do we all sin against God every day?

2. What kinds of sins must we confess to God? In what three ways do we sin against God every day?

3. What other great matters in our lives need to be forgiven by God?

4. What does sin have to do with misery in this world?

5. We read in the Scripture of many of God's people confessing their sins to God. Please give some examples and explain.

6. Will God forgive a person who is not a believer, not united to Christ? What must be done for them to be forgiven?

7. What great work is the foundation of this petition for forgiveness? Who made this petition possible?

8. This petition is in the plural form: "forgive *us our* debts." Why is that significant?

9. Why should we forgive others who sin against us? How is it possible? When we do forgive others, why must it be with a sincere heart?

10. Why can we not worship God with a clean and true heart while we have an unforgiving attitude toward others?

Personal Reflections

1. Do you see regular confession of sin in your daily prayer life? Why, or why not? What should you do based on what you have learned in this lecture?

2. Do you have an unforgiving spirit, or do you have a heart of revenge? What is that about? Are you convinced of the necessity of forgiving the sins of others against you? Look to the Lord Jesus to help you with this.
