

Isaiah 1 11 **To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me?** saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is* iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*.

15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

17 **Learn to do well;** seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, **they shall be as white as snow;** though they be red like crimson, **they shall be as wool.**

19 **If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:**

20 **But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword:** for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

Psalm 51:17 **The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart,** O God, thou wilt not despise.

Psalm 147:3 **He healeth the broken in heart,** and bindeth up their wounds.

Matthew 6:14 **For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:**

1 Timothy 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is **love out of a pure heart**, and *of* a good conscience, and *of* **faith unfeigned**:

Many times when we pray we may not feel close to God. We may feel we are praying to the air and God is not listening. Many times we are busy offering the wrong type of sacrifice. In the flesh we look to the false comfort of the flesh, and maybe, without even realizing it, do everything we can to avoid what God really wants. To appease our flesh. God loves a broken and contrite heart and broken spirit. Broken in the struggle searching Him out. The Holy Spirit is performing this work in us as we walk with God. It is painful because the flesh nature is rebellious and is unable to obey God. **It takes faith in Jesus and abiding in Him to be able to obey** and to walk in love. Love therefore, humbles us. But love is painful and so satan uses the pain to keep each of us from being obedient to love. So we find other ways to please God, we find false comfort in religion or in the world to avoid love. We will go to church, and do nice things, and smile, and read the word of God, and fast and pray, but still we may find it hard to feel connected to God. All the false comforts and sacrifices that we may do, if we look at them, and study them, may be providing a way to avoid what God really wants, which is love. We do this because love hurts. But walking in love is what humbles us, breaks us, and allows the Spirit of God to mould us into the image of God. **Love will naturally bring us to faith** because we will **need** God to walk in it, therefore we will come to faith through **doing** love. **Walking** in love. Until we are humbled we cannot be used by God, and we cannot be humbled until we begin to obey. Walking in love will expose the enemy. Every other sacrifice is in the end of no value, **if we do not learn to love.**

1 Corinthians 13 **1** If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, **I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal.** **2** And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, **I am nothing.** **3** And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, **it profiteth me nothing.**

Without love we are ineffective and a clanging cymbal and anything else we do becomes nothing because we have no foundation. Jesus is our foundation and Jesus is Love. Everything we do must be built on that foundation, then, what we put **on top of that foundation** will profit, and also bring us into Christ. God is love, Jesus is love, we cannot avoid love, or all else we are, and do is going to come to nothing. So of course the devil will do everything and use everything he can to stop us walking in love. To cause others to offend or hurt us. Then we need to forgive and this causes us pain as we try to love. If he can get us, or keep us, in un-forgiveness, then he has caused us to fall from grace and come under law (under the curse of the law) and self justification. And so is able to torment us under the law. Until we forgive and abide in Christ under grace. In Him. (grace)

Luke 6:32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? **for sinners also love those that love them.**

False comfort is false, of no value, because it keeps us from dealing with the bondage we are under. We feel comfort at the expense of being set free, so it is pointless fleeing to false comfort when the devil makes us feel uncomfortable about the things God wants us to deal with. God wants us to deal with relationships. He wants us to face any un-forgiveness we have toward anyone without exception, because **then He is able to forgive us!** God wants us to deal with the problems we have and the darkness that is in us. So we can be free. That is the Holy Spirit's desire for us, freedom. We wonder why things seem so hard as we walk with God. But God wants to bless us and He does this, **not by ignoring our problems, but by deliberately bringing us to deal with them** or to face them. He goes to **bring problems to our attention so we can face them** and be set free. We like to ignore them. Ignoring them is false comfort. Facing them can be painful (we would rather not). God is going to bring up each day, as we walk with him, things that are of the devil, that are corrupting us. False beliefs, things that happened to us in the past, pain trauma, lists of wrongs against people, un-forgiveness and many others. We must realize that we keep having trial and tribulation because God is using the problems and trials to purge us of iniquity and sin. To expose and flush the enemy out into the light. The enemy **in** ourselves. God is dealing with ourselves. The problems we face is what God wants ourselves to deal with. Each of us individually. We must realize this, it is ourselves He wants us to deal with. Not look at others. A major, huge device satan uses is un-forgiveness. We find forgiveness painful many times, and **we would rather offer any kind of sacrifice other than forgiving** people. It can really hurt to have to do. If we run to false comfort and avoid love, God cannot bring healing to our wounded soul. Un-forgiveness enters us as we go through life and don't deal with problems, many times because we justify our own position. We are justified by grace, God's grace, by the grace we show others, we will be able to receive God's grace.

Titus 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Matthew 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Remembering that God has forgiven us **all** our faults and sin and so we also need to forgive all, even if we don't think others deserve forgiveness. We didn't deserve God to forgive us, but His grace and love is such that He did. If we will do the same! It is in our hands. We justify ourselves and say why should I forgive, it was their fault (in our own mind), even if it may not be true. In the flesh we all think we are justified and right. The law judges right and wrong but God's grace freely forgives. There is no law where there is grace. Grace is grace. God forgave us all our sin and iniquity - to the measure we forgive others. So by the law of liberty we can be completely forgiven by completely forgiving. We set our own liberty in Jesus Christ. Or we set our own bondage. Love and forgiveness is very painful sometimes, and devils use the pain to keep us from obeying. We set our liberty through forgiveness. Devils use our feelings and emotions to steer us away from love and forgiveness. They want to steer us to the false comfort of vain religion or false comfort of the world. "Be comfortable doing what **seems** to be right (in our own eyes) but just don't worry about forgiving" says the devil. "Hear lots about love, but just **do not do** love" (he says). Without love we are nothing.

1 Corinthians 13 4 Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; 6 rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; 7 beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
8 Love never faileth:

The Holy Spirit wants to bring healing to our own soul, by the trial **He puts us in**. The trials are designed to **remove bondage** and to bring us **into more faith**, so to avoid love through **seeking comfort to avoid the trial, is not wise**. Avoiding love does not allow victory, avoiding love is false comfort. One way to destroy any closeness we may have in our relationship with God is to have un-forgiveness. We will wear ourselves out in weariness and frustration seeking God if we hold onto it. It will hinder our walk until we deal with it. Un-forgiveness is how the devil causes us to be separated one from another and God. This is how he separates families and marriages and friendships. If we are united he knows he is in trouble, but if he can cause offense and so then un-forgiveness, we cannot draw nigh unto God. If we refuse to forgive it is because we have an idol. Usually that idol is our self, our pride, or our fear of feeling humiliated by what may happen if we humble ourself and forgive. It is a fiery trial and it humbles us, that is what God wants. The old man is crucified. Self cannot save, self protection cannot save.

1 Peter 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

If we put our feelings and reputation and emotions higher than forgiveness then we become trapped in un-forgiveness. Un-forgiveness is the source of much torment, and that torment will not pass away until we forgive. Un-forgiveness also separates us from God, He won't hear our prayers. If we hang on to it, we are making ourself more important than what is important to God. **Let this sink into the heart, Un-forgiveness destroys our relationship and fellowship and walk with God.** If we refuse to forgive, we will become **blinded** to the truth. **If we refuse to forgive we are obeying evil spirits** that have made residence within us. **Sacrificing to idols** of self, and such spirits as rejection and anger, hatred, depression, anxiety and many others. When we refuse to forgive we are fallen from grace and God will allow us the liberty to come under bondage to these strange gods. Evil spirits. Sacrificing to the devil, the lusts of our flesh. Allowing our flesh and carnal mind to rule. And evil spirits to rule as we obey them. satan's kingdom. Allowing our emotions and feelings to control and rule over us, instead of Gods love and truth. Forgiveness is not optional, and when we do forgive, we find freedom and a heavy heavy burden lifts.

Deuteronomy 32 15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered *with fatness*; then **he forsook God *which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.***

16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange *gods*, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new *gods that* came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

18 Of the Rock *that* begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

19 And when the LORD saw *it*, he abhorred *them*, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters.

20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, **I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.**

21 They have moved me to jealousy with *that which is* not God; **they have provoked me to anger with their vanities:** and I will move them to jealousy with *those which are* not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23 I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them.

24 They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.

When we rest and abide in Jesus, in the Spirit, we are under grace, and as we obey and take back the land of our soul, we walk into more freedom. If though we refuse to forgive, **from the heart** and **not** just the mind(saying “I forgive”, but really not meaning it at heart) we come under law. The Holy Spirit is the head, and He is the one who will show us any un-forgiveness if we have it. He will show us and also give us the power to forgive. If we obey, and fight and push through till we have victory. **We face up to it, and do not seek to avoid** the unpleasant task it may be. The devil will put many other more pleasurable things before us to lure our flesh. Our spirit has dominion through the power of God, **through faith**, if we **use our faith**(doers) and **fight through the trial**. The trial many times may be to forgive. If we forgive, every evil built on top of that foundation can be exposed. Anger, hatred, rejection, self pity, torment, accusation, slander, gossip are some of the doors opened by not forgiving. We avoid forgiving because it comes against our pride and can really be hard to do. If we turn to self justification to appease the pain and stress and torment felt through the flesh, in trying to forgive, we block love. These all block love, these block forgiveness, they stop us forgiving when we turn to them. When we sacrifice to them. When we obey them. When we serve them. They give us an excuse to not forgive. Devilish. This is how the dark kingdom causes us to obey. Turning to and protecting self, instead of grace.

James 3 14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. **15 This wisdom descendeth not from above,** but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.

Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

So much of satan’s kingdom relies on us being in offense and rejection and faction and in hatred and resentment and strife and disunity. He wants us to sacrifice to these spirits, which allows their torment of our souls and keeps us from the liberty and freedom in Christ. We cannot afford to fall for the trap of justifying self or false comfort(or avoid dealing with it) to avoid **doing** Love.

1 Corinthians 10:20 But *I say*, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, **they sacrifice to devils**, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

Jeremiah 16:20 Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they *are* no gods?

Galatians 4:8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods.

Galatians 5:1 **Stand fast therefore in the liberty** wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be **not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.**

If we choose to keep the devils works, we are back under law trying to be righteous some other way. The way of self and the way of the law. The strength of sin is the law. Self and the flesh will lead us to bondages of all types of evil, to work in our flesh. Any other way is another gospel, and it is vain religion, false comfort, and the leaven of the pharisees. Self righteousness. Jesus is the way and Jesus is love. Love forgives. The freedom in Christ through His grace is available to each of us as we forgive. As The Holy Spirit leads. Stay under grace---forgive.

1 Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death *is* sin; and **the strength of sin is the law.**

Galatians 5 **2** Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. **3** For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. **4** Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. **5** For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. **6** For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; **but faith which worketh by love.**

7 Ye did run well; **who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?** **8** This persuasion *cometh* not of him that calleth you. **9** **A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.** **10** I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be. **11** And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased. **12** I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. **14** For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **15** But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

16 *This* I say then, **Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.** **17** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. **18** But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. **19** Now the **works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;** Adultery,

fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, **20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, **21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that **they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.** **22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. **24** **And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.**

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **26** Let us not be desirous of **vain** glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Remembering **by faith** we are perfect in Christ, but we **prove our faith** as we **walk** with the Holy Spirit. We prove we believe. All these works of the flesh listed above He will, as we are able to bear, bring them to our attention and convict us of them. Many of them are **rooted in and built upon the foundation of un-forgiveness.** We do not come under the condemnation of them, there is no condemnation when we abide in Christ and follow the Holy Spirit. It is all by walked in relationship and not law. Grace. Once the Spirit shows us something, in our relationship with God, we need to obey and repent and He will provide the grace and power for victory over it.

2 Corinthians 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

2 corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and **where the Spirit of the Lord is**, there *is* liberty.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life.

Proverbs 4:13 Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.

Romans 8 **1** *There is* therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are **in Christ Jesus**, who **walk not after the flesh**, but after the Spirit. **2** **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** hath **made me free from the law of sin and death.** **3** For what the **law could not do**, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **4** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

Isaiah 6 **8** Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.

9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Mark 11 25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: **that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.** **26** But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Un-forgiveness is a gateway or door which allows many evil spirits to enter, to dwell in our flesh, to steal, kill and destroy and torment our soul. Un-forgiveness is a very root of the demonic tree that satan sets up throughout our lives before we know Jesus as savior. If we are able to forgive, that whole tree can be destroyed because it is built on the foundation of un-forgiveness. **The roots of not forgiving support many other evil spirits** which grow up into a demonic tree as we go through life. This tree is used to steer and control and torment and destroy us. **If we destroy the roots, the whole tree is in trouble** and this is why satan is absolutely **intent** on keeping each of us from forgiving one another. His kingdom within us, thrives on it. Un-forgiveness helps feed the whole tree! But the rest of the tree protects the roots, and attempts to prevent us ever forgiving. Things like rejection and anger and hatred and self pity and pride, pain, hurt, and fear of what may happen if we forgive, and many many others. **These things stop us forgiving**, they are part of the tree, that the enemy within, **uses to block us, from being able to forgive.** We may get angry instead, or we may fall in to self pity, or alcohol or hatred or anxiety and depression through self pity. **These things block forgiveness. And not forgiving allows these things.** And they each feed off and protect each other. They all push us to vanity or **self focus or self protection.** Vanity. **Looking to self instead of God.** None of them are grace. They each provide a way to avoid the problem and we can feel justified, sitting in their deceit. Lies. If we forgive though, the roots will be destroyed and the rest of the tree will begin to thirst and starve and weaken. The power of our flesh over us weakens, and our spirit grows in strength. Forgiving is hard. Forgiving is love.

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, love one another deeply, **because love covers over a multitude of sins.**

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

Proverbs 17:9 **He that covereth a transgression seeketh love;** but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.

The tree of **evil will try to protect the roots of the evil tree**, making sure we do not forgive **from the heart.** Until we destroy the roots of un-forgiveness, the rest of the tree has power over us, forcing us to sin because we are in the flesh, under the curse. Un-forgiveness empowers the tree. Forcing us to behave as and obey spirits of anger and strife and hatred and self pity and the list is endless. The longer we have lived, the bigger and more extensive the tree may have become. When we are in un-forgiveness we are **in self(idol)**, the flesh, justifying self(under the law) and not

abiding in Jesus and faith which would give grace and safety from the torment that un-forgiveness leads to. We are in the spirit(spiritual) when we abide in Christ(not under condemnation of these things), so in Christ we have the power to forgive by Gods grace, but the flesh resists this, the demonic tree resists this. Remember though, Gods strength is made perfect when we are weak to walk in love and forgiveness ourself. When we are weak, He is made strong. When we can't God can. We turn to God and His grace in our weakness(to love), then we are made strong.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things **through Christ** which strengtheneth me.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for **my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the **power of Christ may rest upon me.**

This struggle to forgive what **we cannot forgive in our own strength,** drives us to God. Obedience to **doing love** does this. It drives us to faith because we need his mercy and grace to obey and be able to overcome the resistance of the demonic tree. Many evil spirits set up to stop us. Our obedience to obey love and deal with un-forgiveness drives us to call upon Gods mercy and grace, which is bringing us to faith in him, and humbling ourself and our pride, because we have to admit we cannot do it apart from God. Our flesh would much rather flee to false comfort, that the evil tree provides. We could flee to self justification, or anger, or rejection, or hurt or drugs or alcohol, or and endless list of evil spirits within, attempting to avoid forgiveness. Each of these things are part of the evil tree, and each is a spirit that wants to feed on darkness, when we obey their will. When we obey them, we feed them and their power over us becomes even stronger as we keep doing this. To whom we obey is to whom we become servant.

Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye **yield yourselves** servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

There is now no condemnation in Christ so when we humble ourselves and cry out to God, his grace is sufficient to overcome for us. We are **able** to forgive IN HIM. When we are weak, He is made strong. Love brings us to this place of weakness, and so in love, we are made strong through faith. Faith pleases God. When we cry out to God(from the heart), we expect him to help us, and so this is faith. When we **choose with our whole heart** to forgive and **look to God for help** because we know **we can't do this without Him.** His power is made strong in us and **He is glorified in us** as we overcome IN HIM and it is done in faith. The Holy Spirit empowers us to forgive, through the power of grace over sin. Romans 8 describes this battle to forgive.

Romans 8 **15** For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. **16** If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good. **17** Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. **18** **For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing:** for **to will is present** with me; but **how to perform** that which is good **I find not.** **19** For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. **20** **Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.**

When we look to God we come out of the flesh into the Spirit and so sin then has no dominion. We then have power to escape it's hold on us. When we look to God by faith we then are in the spirit and have dominion and Gods power to loose ourselves from the enemy, and we overcome.

Matthew 18:18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

We are crucifying the flesh and giving life to our born again spirit. The flesh is empowered by evil, the spirit is empowered by God. **By turning to God for help and looking to Him by faith, remaining in the spirit.** Walking in love brings us to the place where we see our need for God, and so it produces faith in as as we ask for help. It brings us into the Spirit. We need God to overcome in this battle. We need to look to Jesus and believe we have already overcome in Him. By faith and not by the force of the will of the flesh. We choose but it's God power that overcomes. By grace, through faith, through love by the power of God. Being doers and not just hearers, and knowing the word of God comes not just in word, but in power. The flesh is powerless. Abide in faith. Look to Gods power.

1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power.

1 Corinthians 2:4 My message and my preaching were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for **my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather **glory in my infirmities**, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Corinthians 10 **3** For though we walk in the flesh, **we do not war after the flesh: 4** (For the weapons of our warfare *are not carnal*, but mighty **through God** to the pulling down of strong holds:) **5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6** And having in a readiness to **revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.**

Isaiah 59:17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and **he put on the garments of vengeance** *for* clothing, and was **clad with zeal as a cloke.**

As soon as we have overcome through faith, the enemy no longer has right to stay. We can now bind up and command them to leave. We are under grace and they are under our feet. They are now under our authority as we abide in grace. Love and faith and Gods power has overcome them. We have **power to overcome all their wicked works, and their power over us**, and we have authority to command them out. **Love, working through faith and the **power of grace over sin****, overcomes. **Walking in love exposes the enemy.** Love is painful, so we mustn't let the pain prevent us. Stay under grace.

Luke 10:19 Behold, **I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy**: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Ephesians 1 **15** Wherefore I also, after I heard of your **faith in the Lord Jesus, and love** unto all the saints, **16** Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; **17** That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: **18** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, **19** And what *is* the **exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe**, according to the working of **his mighty power**, **20** Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, **21** **Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.** **22** **And hath put all things under his feet**, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, **23** Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

It is important to know that is is love and forgiveness, that forces demons up and brings them into to light, where they cannot hide any longer. They hide in anger, if we become angry, we do not forgive, and so the spirit of anger blocks love. If we resort to self pity, we do not forgive, it blocks love and our victory. If we resort to blame and self justification, they block love because that is an excuse to not forgive. The main goal of these spirits is to block love and forgiveness, and also to drive us to do the wicked works of satan, the father of lies and deceit. Without love we are nothing! If we turn to drugs or alcohol to avoid the pain and torment that not forgiving brings, it will block love, and the torment will continue as soon as these wear off. If we are walking in vain religion or another gospel, or if we are a pharisee and are self righteous, in the vanity of our mind, these will allow us to have a reason or justification to not forgive. We are **allowing idols and evil spirits** to indwell Gods temple which is us. They defile us. They defile the temple of God. Remembering if we do not forgive we are not forgiven. This is the fear of God. Forgive. God is love. When we allow love, Jesus forms in us, and **Jesus in us, is the glory of God.** The roots are in not forgiving others **or even ourself**, and so **the need to forgive cannot be over stressed.**

1 Corinthians 3 **16** Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**, and *that* the **Spirit of God dwelleth in you?** **17** If any man **defile** the temple of God, him shall God destroy; **for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.**

Luke 21:19 In your patience ye shall win your souls.

Leviticus 25:17 Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I *am* the LORD your God.

Revelation 15:4 **Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name?** for *thou only art* holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Matthew 7 **15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. **16** Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? **17** Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; **but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.** **18** A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a **corrupt tree** bring forth good fruit. **19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.** **20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.**

Galatians 5 **19** Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, **20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, **21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Romans 1 **28** And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; **29** Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, **30** Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, **31** Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Matthew 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; **but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.**

The tree, how it works. If someone offends us very badly when we are young and we are hurt, physically or emotionally, and we do not forgive, (un-forgiveness -- the roots or cause) we will not only bury the pain which will cause later torment, but un-forgiveness may open the door for the spirit of rejection to enter(the trunk), which causes us to feel rejected. The pain, because it is still in us(we didn't forgive and let it go) can be used by the enemy to trigger our emotions and steer us into demonic emotions, in the the demonic tree that satan sets up within our flesh. So because we feel rejected we may become angry(spirit of anger enters us, a branch). Rejection may also bring in or open doors to resentment and self pity and judging others(other branches). Self pity may open the door for depression(another branch) and depression may open the doors for drugs, alcohol, poverty, wallowing, tiredness, and anxiety(other branches). Drugs and alcohol may open doors to stealing, lies, gossip, slander, violence, rage, irresponsibility, foolishness and even murder. The tree just keeps growing and growing into more and more bondage and slavery to sin. The curse. All these block love and keep us from forgiving. We are servants to the demonic tree and it rules over us when we abide in the flesh by obeying them. Until we turn to God. Until we abide in Christ. Under grace --forgiving all things like Jesus has done for us. Until we walk in love. Until we learn to love. The whole demonic tree of evil, many times is built on the foundation and roots of un-forgiveness. When we forgive and destroy the roots, the whole tree is weakened, thirsty and starved. Praise God for His Grace and mercy. The whole tree is then vulnerable, for us to destroy. By looking to Jesus, and turning to God, by faith, in love, through obeying the Holy Spirit and the power of God. As He reveals to us these wicked spirits working to destroy our lives. When we do this the enemy is exposed and his wicked imaginations can be turned back on his own head.

Psalms 7:16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

If we do not forgive, it will allow many evil works to operate through us. Making us servants of evil, without us even realizing this. Un-forgiveness opens up every evil, to operate through us through selfishness, self pity, pride, self righteousness, self justification and all things already mentioned and others. All these things are designed to destroy us and keep us in bondage to darkness. The roots of not forgiving allow all these vile works(spirits) into our heart. When we turn to the throne of grace though, we are in the Spirit, and are then free of the flesh, and it's power over our soul, able to be set free. Through the power of grace. These spirits operate in our flesh, triggering our emotions, feelings and thoughts, constantly pushing us to do evil and serve their lusts. Using past hurt, pain, trauma, and offense and fears, to block love so they can remain within us, many times because we have not forgiven. If we allow un-forgiveness to continue, we allow our hearts and minds to be corrupted through the things that it allows to enter our flesh. Even though we may not want, we may end up with an evil heart and evil thoughts that we don't want, because we allow the doors to evil to be opened and remain. We **allow** them to operate in us! **Because we won't forgive, we begin judging others** in our thoughts, **to justify ourself** and so our **minds and thoughts become tormented**. As we judge, we are judged. An evil cycle.

Proverbs 6:18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

Genesis 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

Matthew 15:19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

Matthew 15:19 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

Matthew 12 **33** Either make the tree good, and his **fruit good**; or else make the tree corrupt, and his **fruit corrupt**: for **the tree is known by his fruit**. **34** O generation of vipers, **how can ye, being evil, speak good things?** for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. **35** A good man out of the good treasure of the heart **bringeth forth good things**: and an evil man out of the evil treasure **bringeth forth evil things**. **36** But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. **37** For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Mark 7 **18** And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, *it* cannot defile him; **19** **Because it entereth not into his heart**, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? **20** And he said, **That which cometh out of the man**, that defileth the man. **21** For **from within, out of the heart of men**, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, **22** Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: **23** All these evil things **come from within, and defile the man**.

The words we speak reveal what is in our heart. Our minds will be tormented by what is in our heart and it will eventually come out of our mouth. We will be lifting and encouraging others and edifying one another if we abide in the Spirit. But if we abide in the flesh in un-forgiveness, and the roots of corruption, it will lead to works of defilement which will eventually spill out of our mouth, even though we resist it. Resisting in our own strength won't work, we must abide in Jesus. The evil tree operating in our flesh has dominion over our flesh. But by faith we are crucified with Christ and died to the flesh, we died to law, we died to works of evil, we now live to God. So we look to God for our righteousness and not self. We turn to God for help. This is dying to self. The devil and the tree of evil will resist us and so it is painful to overcome as we let go of self and forgive. Love and grace and repentance defeats the enemy.

Galatians 2 19 For I through the law am dead to the law, **that I might live unto God. 20 I am crucified** with Christ: **nevertheless I live; yet not I**, but **Christ liveth in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me. **21 I do not frustrate the grace of God:** for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Jeremiah 17:9 The **heart is deceitful above all things**, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Our heart will deceive us without the Holy Spirit. Un-forgiveness is very subtle and not always easy to discern. Many times we **forgive with our mind** or say we forgive and **convince ourselves** that we have actually forgiven. **In our heart though** we have still held something against others. But **we may not realize this!** Which is a TERRIBLE TRAP. IT CANNOT BE STRESSED HIGHLY ENOUGH. IT CANNOT BE OVER STRESSED, THE **NEED TO FORGIVE FROM THE HEART.** Salvation and freedom from sin begins with forgiving. **To forgive with the mind and not with the heart is an awful deceit**, we cannot allow ourselves to be deceived into believing we have forgiven with our carnal mind, whilst we have not forgiven from the heart.

Matthew 18 32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, **I forgave thee all that debt**, because thou desiredst me: **33** Shouldest not **thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant**, even as **I had pity on thee?** **34** And his lord was wroth, and **delivered him to the tormentors**, till he should pay all that was due unto him. **35** So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye **from your hearts** forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

If we do not forgive, **from the heart**, we are in the flesh and at the mercy of the tormentors. The demonic tree which is rooted in un-forgiveness is full of every kind of torment and destruction. **If we forgive with our mind only, we have been fooled** and it is easy to be fooled this way because forgiving from the heart is much much much much harder. It is much easier to forgive with the mind alone but it may not be sincere and so is deceitful. God says if we have **anything, small or big**, if we have **ought**, we need to forgive so that He can forgive us. God has bound himself by His word and put it higher than His name. He forgives us when we forgive. **From the heart.**

Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have **ought** against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Psalm 138 **1** {*A Psalm of David.*} I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast **magnified thy word above all thy name.**

John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Jeremiah 17 **8** For he shall be **as a tree planted** by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Being convinced we have forgiven when we actually have not, is an awful deceit and can lead to years of bondage because we are still in un-forgiveness whilst we believe we are not. We have been tricked by allowing ourselves to be fooled and believed lies in our mind, not being authentic. **It is an awful deceit!** We must look to see if our actions back up the forgiveness. **If we have truly forgiven, our thoughts toward the person will be pure.** If we have not forgiven from the heart we will remain in all the bondages and torment. **And not know why!** If we realize this we repent. If we by faith, crying for mercy even, unto God, for the power to forgive from the heart, and we are completely sincere and serious, and have faith, God will grant us repentance and **power to forgive** because we are doing it in faith in Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. We have stopped trying to forgive in our own strength, with just mental forgiveness. We are forgiving **through God**, from the heart in the power of the Spirit by faith. We are receiving from God. When we are weak we are made strong.

Hebrews 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

1 Thessalonians **4** Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. **5** For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also **in power, and in** the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance;

Genesis 4 **3** And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the **fruit of the ground** an offering unto the LORD. **4** And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: **5** But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. **6** And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? **7** If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Hebrews 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission.**

Cain was wroth and his countenance fell and because he did not repent and turn to God for help, he allowed self to rule and so sin entered him and he was ruled by sin. Cain became angry at Gods rejection of his sacrifice, and he looked to **blame** Able because he was **jealous**. God warned Cain that sin was at the door. Able's offering was acceptable, he **offered a lamb**, a blood sacrifice as God had instructed, a covering for sin. Cain turned to self effort, he offered the work of his hands, the fruit of the ground, or the fruit of the world. We cannot earn our way to heaven through our flesh or by the world or through religion. Cain did not repent, he kept his anger and therefore sin entered and anger, jealousy, and envy were at work on him which opened the door to murder. These things over powered him and lead him to murder his brother. Sin had entered because he had no repentance and because he went his own way, instead of the way God showed him. His anger and jealousy blocked him from repenting and opened doors for worse. He did not turn to God. Able simply sacrificed a lamb.

John 1:36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold **the Lamb of God!**

1 Corinthians 5:7 **Purge out therefore the old leaven**, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is **sacrificed for us:**

Purge out self and the old leaven of the pharisees and the law and vain religion. Look to Jesus. Our sacrifice is paid for by Jesus Christ. When we look to the cross and when we look to Jesus and abide in Him, our redemption is paid for by His blood, His sacrifice. He is our passover lamb. As the death angel passed over those that came out of Egypt(the world), in the days of Moses, so will it pass over us. If we look to the sacrifice God has prescribed and provided(His Son). We look to Jesus and the cross. The sacrifice is sufficient and we apply it to our lives through repentance and obedience and faith, **through love. We believe by faith, and prove our faith through Love.**

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.