

Living A Kingdom Lifestyle

Forgiveness - A Benefit In God's Kingdom

- As you walk in kingdom lifestyle, you must always remember the **benefits** of the kingdom!

Psalm 103:1-2

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, *bless* His holy name! ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

He is telling us our soul sometimes does not **ble^ss** the Lord.

1. Tell your soul to **ble^ss** the Lord and never **for^get** the benefits.

Psalm 103:3a

³ Who forgives all your iniquities...

Psalm 103:3b

³ ...Who heals all your diseases,

Now, let's go back to: "Who forgives all your iniquity"

Question: If God forgives all our iniquity, what is iniquity?

Iniquity – is on the inside – it is in the **he^art**.

2. Iniquity is the **in^ward** motivation, and transgression is the **ou^tward** movement or action.

Transgression – English word is, **tr^es^spass**

3. When you sin, you **transgress** one of God's property (kingdom) laws. It's an **outward** movement.

Iniquity – Hebrew – **perverse**ness or evil

- Watch this also – iniquity, according to the Word, is passed down from generation to generation.
- It is an inward bent that we are born with toward sin in a particular area.

4. It is an inward bent in the heart that causes us to lean toward a particular area of **sin**.

Explanation: Adultery might be the **transgression**.

Lust might be the **iniquity**.

Here is the definition of iniquity:

5. An iniquity is the opposite of a need that only **God** can fulfill.

In order to live a kingdom-lifestyle, you have to have your needs met by **God**, not the world.

God is the **only** one that can be your security, provision.

If you don't allow God, you will fall into:

- **Worry**
- **Fear**
- **Manipulation**
- **Greed**

- * These are iniquities – areas of the **heart**.
- So iniquity is **opposite** of a need you are not allowing God to meet.
 - Inferiority is an iniquity – because you're not allowing God to be your **acceptance**.
 - Rejection is an iniquity – because you're not allowing God to be **welcomed** in your life.

Iniquity is on the **inside** – transgression is on the **outside**.

Iniquity is of the **heart** and transgression is of the **hand**.

Iniquity is the **attitude** and transgression is the **action**.

Isaiah 53:5a

⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions (a wound is on the outside), He was bruised for our iniquities (a bruise is on the inside)...

6. Jesus Christ took an outward wound for our **outward** transgressions and then took an inward bruising for our **inward** iniquities.

Another explanation:

A father can be an alcoholic but the son is not – why:

- Alcoholism is a transgression that was **motivated** by an iniquity not allowing God to meet the need.

Let me ask you this:

What inward bent or iniquities are inside of you today that you can get free of today?

Remember: one of the benefits of the kingdom – is He forgives all our **iniquities** – are you seeing this?

- What caused you to act – that is exactly what needs to be dealt with in your heart.

Let's say it another way: When we do not allow God to meet our need, iniquity forms in our heart.

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Let me give you 3 benefits of forgiveness:

A. He removes all our **transgressions**.

Psalm 103:10-12

¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; ¹²As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Question: How far is east from west?

- God has totally **abolished** your transgressions.
- They are **completely** gone, removed them.

What does it mean He removed sin (transgressions)?

Romans 4:7-8

⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin."

2 Corinthians 5:19

¹⁹that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

* In Heaven, my sin is not in my file.

My file is clean because the **blood** of Jesus wiped it clean.

Let me give you a picture:

Satan tries to write in your file but there is a chemical in the blood of Jesus that the devil is writing or accusation will not **appear**.

Why – God put it all on Jesus and my account has been paid in **full** past and future.

Romans 4:22-24

²² And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

²³ Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, ²⁴ but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,

My file says – **righteousness**

- It's not by works, but by **grace**.

2nd thing:

B. He remembers our sins **no more**.

Isaiah 43:25

²⁵ "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.

For my own sake – so God can have a **relationship** with us.

Jeremiah 31:34

³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

- Iniquity and transgressions are both **sin**.

What does it mean to forget?

You can't remember it to use it against someone and it's a **choice**.

It's not that God doesn't know, but He chooses never to bring it up again – He is all knowing (**omniscient**)

He has the knowledge of the sin but chooses not to bring it up again.

My Bible tells me - **righteous**.

Here is the third:

C. He **releases** us from all our iniquities

What does that mean?

Psalm 103 says, "Who forgives all our iniquities."

Forgive – means to **release**

Iniquity – means inward bent

To forgive means: He releases you from all your inward bent toward sin.

You are free – walk in the kingdom **lifestyle**.