

**WHAT ARE WE TO DO WHEN A SINNING BROTHER REPENTS?
JESUS TEACHES US ABOUT FORGIVENESS
Matt 18:21-35**

- I. **THE OCCASION FOR JESUS TEACHING ON FORGIVENESS: After being taught about addressing sin, Peter questions Jesus concerning how much to forgive (21)**
 - a. *Review:* Jesus seeks His valuable yet straying sheep through His body (His Church) by addressing their sin (1-20)

 - b. Peter then questions Jesus concerning the extent of forgiveness (21)

- II. **THREE REASONS WHY KINGDOM CITIZENS ARE TO CONTINUALLY FORGIVE: Jesus reveals through a parable why we must forgive (22-35)**
 - a. Jesus answer to Peter (22)

 - b. Jesus give a parable and pronouncement that reveals why those in His kingdom are to forgive from the heart (23-35)
 - 1. God's compassionate forgiveness in Christ toward us has no bounds (23-27)

 - 2. Thus the Lord expects His true children to be like Him, so we are to abundantly, compassionately, forgive without limits (28-33)

 - 3. Torturous eternal punishment from the Lord awaits those who do not forgive from the heart (34-35, 6-9)