



GOODWILL

T O W A R D M E N

FREEDOM FROM THE CYCLE

SIN'S CYCLE

SINNED
AGAINST
GOD

SINNED
AGAINST
MAN



"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

Malachi. 4:5-6

MALACHI

1) I AM COMING BACK

2) RECONCILIATION OR
RUIN

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, **and they were greatly afraid.**

Luke. 2:8-9

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Luke. 2:10-14

RECONCILIATION

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Matthew. 18:15-17

The image features a dark blue background with a subtle, light blue silhouette of a mountain range. A prominent gold-colored geometric border, consisting of intersecting lines forming a grid-like pattern, frames the central text. The text is centered and reads "HOW DO WE RECONCILE?" in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

HOW DO WE RECONCILE?

RECONCILIATION

2 PARTIES

1) REPENTANCE

2) FORGIVENESS

FORGIVENESS

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Matthew. 18:21-22

FORGIVENESS

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

Matthew. 18:23-27

FORGIVENESS

But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

Matthew. 18:28-30

FORGIVENESS

When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'

Matthew. 18:31-33

FORGIVENESS

And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Matthew. 18:34-35

"The Bible is clear about two principles: (1) We always need to forgive, but (2) we don't always achieve reconciliation.

Forgiveness is something that we do in our hearts; we release someone from a debt that they owe us. We write off the person's debt, and they no longer owe us. We no longer condemn them. They are clean. Only one party is needed for forgiveness: me. The person who owes me a debt does not have to ask my forgiveness. It is a work of grace in my heart."

— Henry Cloud, *Boundaries: When To Say Yes, How to Say No*

HOW DO WE FORGIVE?

HOW TO BE RECONCILED?

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians. 5:16-21

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians. 5:16-21

WHY IS REPENTANCE NECESSARY?

WHY CAN'T GOD JUST FORGIVE?

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