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The Power of Forgiveness

Preface

The beloved of Jesus Christ, you will easily observe that in this modern world we live in, man has been overwhelmed by the ambition for power. The desire for power, to govern, in fact to dominate and control other people has become a generally accepted desire! Honestly I myself, the writer of this booklet, was in the past also excited by this kind of ambition, Not only the general public, not only the "worldly" people, the ecclesiastical society itself has been contaminated by this malady, with the result that many churches were shattered due to power struggle among the elders that were influenced by the ambition for power! There is nothing wrong if man should have the ambition for power, but if the concept about "power" is misleading then it will only end up in fighting.

The worst mistaken concept about "power" is that which is held by the savage tribes: that is "power" as dominating or holding other people as slaves, also the freedom to exploit/abuse other people for their own self interest! This is the worldly concept of "power", or "power" of the flesh, which unfortunately is still adhered to by the people of the modern world. in fact also by clergies and those who claimed themselves to be servants of the, Lord! Unconsciously, they are in the process of degrading themselves down to the savage tribe level, in fact to the level of animal instinct (homo homini lupus).

If you confess to be a follower of Jesus, observe His instruction in John 6:63 *"It is the Spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing"*. So the power of the flesh has not much usefulness. You and I should therefore pursue the power of the Spirit, the power that is supreme. We naturally should take advantage of the power of the Spirit the Lord Jesus has presented for his followers, in order to reach spiritual victory within the arena of our lives! The concept of "power" in the right direction is adhered to by those servants of the Lord that have their spiritual sense more open, which are those servants of the Lord that already have a personal experience with Jesus Christ. This group of people has known and is utilizing the various "power" of the Spirit: the power to expel and cast out Satan, the power to heal sickness, the power to bin,- about miracles, etc. Everything is good, if proven and in fact based in Jesus Christ!

However some of the servants of the Lord may be deceived by the glamour that came as the result of possessing the power of the Spirit! They don't realize that all types of those "power" could be obtained from the devil! Why? Because Shamans (servants of the devil) are also able to cast out devils, by utilizing the power of Satan! Shamans also (without being taught of examining the Spirit) are able to heal sickness, with the power of the devil. In fact much easier than the efforts done by the servants of the Lord! Because the devil likes to pummel mankind severely with all kinds of sickness, with ease can the devil withdraw sickness from man, in order to

promote and popularize his servants, the Shamans! Therefore the Shamans will always appear much more sensational, potent, as if they overcome the servants of the Lord!

The servants of the Lord are instructed through The Bible to test the spirit. Including testing the blessings of the spirit. Therefore they (who are in a state of oblivion because of bliss due to the flare up of those "power") neglected to exercise these tests, have become easily tricked by a blessing/bliss, which actually originated from the devil!

The concept of "power" that is truly genuine, will be presented in this booklet: only part of it, due to the limited space available. To you it will be explained about "power" that is concealed, "power" that does not promise flamboyance! This kind of "power" cannot be given by the devil, so it would be impossible for you to be tricked! Moreover, this "power" has no end to it; its source: the love of Jesus (Agaphe) never dries up, because it is the gift of Spirit never vanishes away (I Cor. 13:8). The "power" that I am referring to is: THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS!

You can read this in a fast pace, just like reading a novel; then you will get blessings that are about meaningless. Or you can read it slowly, digest it, then the blessings you get will be abundant! A deeper understanding about forgiveness! But only up to your own understanding!

The group of readers that digest the (content) of this booklet thoroughly as well as applying the various recommendations found in it will acquire the most blessing. Don't get left out, apply the personal prayers recommended! Then you will be amongst the group that acquired that wonderful power with its accompanying blessings, although without flamboyance!! Hail Jesus, that flamboyance you will get in the Father's House in heaven because you have ensured yourself to enter therein!

Chapter I.

FORGIVENESS: THE BASIS OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS SALVATION

Readers who confess to be followers of Jesus Christ very well understand the meaning of "salvation" that the Lord Jesus provided, therefore this booklet is not intended to explain that matter. The problem is: the Christian community are so dissolved in their daily lives, as well as in their religious devotions the result that sometimes the basic principle maybe forgotten, and unconsciously violated, that often resulted with the loss of "salvation" itself!

By that consideration this chapter will reconsider the principle that is the basis of salvation for the Christian community, that most adherents has forgotten as found in Luke 1:67, 76-77.

(67) And his father (of John the Baptist) Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying (76) And thou child shall be called the prophet of the Highest; for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; (77) To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

This Biblical message was spoken by Zacharias, John the Baptist's father at the time he was filled with the Holy Ghost (verse 67); he prophesied, after the birth of his son. It is clear that this message has its source from God himself, so it is important to observe attentively: *The salvation as promised by God is by the remission of sins of the religious community; so it is not by men's efforts, nor by religious consecration, nor by baptism, also not based upon church official function nor Biblical Scholar Diplomas!!*

Dearly beloved of Christ, even if you have a Master Degree in Theology, or occupies the position as Head of the Church, all this does not guarantee your salvation. Only the remission of your sins will guarantee your salvation. How does this remission of your sins and mine come about?

Thirty years later Jesus the Son of Man taught it much clearer, in "The Lord's Prayer" that He taught to His disciples (Matt 6:12): "...And *forgive its our debts, as we forgave our debtors...* "

My beloved readers, that last part of the sentence taught us the basis for salvation for every followers of Jesus: FORGIVENESS! The whole sentence also teaches 2 matters that have to be done in order to obtain remission from the Lord Jesus:

(1) to ask for forgiveness for every trespass made, and (2) to forgive other people

This teaching is very clear and explicit, however it is very surprising that many Christian adherents don't even want to do it. Why?

According to me (based on my observation through stewardship service provided for hundreds of fellow brothers and sisters that bear life's problems), the reluctance is most likely rooted in the devil's success to impose 2 concepts that mislead the Christian community. The concepts that looked alright, but in fact deviates from the truth of God

- That asking forgiveness after making a transgression is a sign of weakness, attitude of a slave, in fact humiliation.
- That to forgive other people that oppressed us is a sign of a weak heart or defeat! Friends, if up to now you still adhere to these concepts, alas my friend! The right concept and biblical is one that Jesus taught:
- To ask forgiveness and simultaneously acknowledge our trespasses shows that attitude of a humble heart, and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted! (Matt 23:12).
- To be merciful, like any act of "giving" shows a merciful/generous heart like the Father in heaven (Luke 6:36 "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful"). Therefore to be merciful is noble and honorable. Noble, because⁴ main expression of love is "the act of giving" (Luke 6:27-36)

This is the challenge for you: which concept are you willing to adhere to, this divine concept, or the devilish one? You are free to choose which one to embrace!

Furthermore, of the two issues that have to happen (to forgive and to be forgiven) what should also be considered is: which should happen or be done first? The word "as" of Matt 6:12 ("And forgive us our debts, as we forgave our debtors") is the key to the question.

How is God's forgiveness like? As we forgave our debtors! Meaning: that we first have to forgive our debtors, then will God forgive our debts, just _like the forgiveness we have given! ! I repeat: as we forgave our debtors. If you forgive half heartedly, God's forgiveness to you will be likewise. If you forgive whole-heartedly, you will receive God's forgiveness with God's whole heart as well! It is clear isn't it? However many Christians don't want to forgive their brethren. Some even doubt this principle, as if it is brother Situmorang's ideas/opinion!

Jesus himself explained what he meant when he taught "The Lord's Prayer" found in Matt 6:14-15

"...(14) For if ye forgive man their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: (15) But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

With this affirmation, the principle of "to forgive, asking forgiveness, then being forgiven" is absolute, no compromise about it. They who professed to be followers of Jesus can no more make excuses. There are only two choices to make: to first forgive then obtain forgiveness, or to refuse to forgive with obvious results: no forgiveness from God, implying the loss of salvation, meaning also not to take part in eternal life. Which one do you choose?

Chapter 2. FORGIVENESS: FORTRESS OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS

My beloved readers, some Christians believers think that forgiveness or the work to forgive only shows weakness as if to say that the one that forgives is weak-hearted, easily subdued by other people. What they don't realize is that it is only a misleading concept originating from the Devil! Because those who don't want to forgive feel they are strong, but actually at the very moment they are under the influence of the Devil! Let me take you reflect on the truth under the following illustration, a true story:

My colleague, a Balinese, and a devout adherent of Hinduism, asked me: Mr. Situmorang, I just don't understand why is it that Christianity teaches to: "Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also" I soon remembered Jesus' saying in Matt 5:39.

Praise the Lord that this colleague asked the servant of the Lord that was trained by Jesus himself and could therefore explain the way Jesus Christ would like to have it explained.

I answered him by a question: "what was Arjuna's reaction(the courageous personage of the Wayang Shadow Play), when he was stabbed by one of his enemies of the Kurawa clan? Did not Arjuna say, "I can't feel anything, find a softer part, while thrusting his belly part to be stabbed again?, " my colleague confirmed.

Did Arjuna grimace in pain and say, "I will take revenge!?! The stab hurt!" Did Arjuna react this way? Again I asked my colleague. This time he shook his head.

"Brother" I continued, "Arjuna's attitude only shows his strength and not his weakness! Jesus does not like his followers to be weak people! Jesus expects his followers to be strong and courageous people that does not feel the pain because of the slap on the face, does not suffer hate because of being hurt! Jesus himself is a courageous personality; He forgave people who have tortured him and in fact crucified him. Therefore the characteristics of Jesus' followers is really not to be a cry-babies, who are quick to take revenge, but easy to forgive. These are indeed the strong people!"

My colleague became silent, speechless and I guess my explanation will be something for him to reflect on for a long-long time!

My beloved brethren, can you now understand Jesus' teachings? Jesus' true disciple should defend himself from hatred that arise by other people's attacks. He/she has to eliminate the hatred by the ability forgive that he/she received from Jesus Christ! By forgiving, Jesus' disciples can eliminate hatred. On the contrary, without forgiveness, you will be possessed by the zest of hatred, plunge into hatred, which will easily be followed up by resentment, further followed by other behavior of Satan! In no time you will become a child of Satan! Are you willing to become a child of Satan?

Come on brethren, consider one parable given by Jesus himself as found in Matt 18: 23-35

(23) Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. (24) And when he had began to reckon,

one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. (25) But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. (26) The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. (27) Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. (28) But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. (29) And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. (30) And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. (31) So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. (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 desirest me: (33) Shouldest not thou also have compassion on thy fellow servant, 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 my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Can you see it that the strong fortress that can protect us from God's anger is to forgive one another? Don't focus your attention to the behavior of people that hurt your feelings! Those people that like to hurt your feelings are actually only puppets controlled by the Devil from within them! That is one of the reasons why we should be willing to forgive. With the fortress of forgiveness, the anger of God may be quenched down, and no longer reach you!

In my previous explanation, by the power of forgiveness, you will be protected from the attacks of the rest of hatred as well as other defiling filth that tries to settle within you! Please read Matt. 12:43-45: (43) *When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. (44) Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. (45) Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation "*, this passage is another lesson from Jesus, to make you aware, how it is possible that you can become a dwelling place for unclean spirits, if you do not protect yourself properly!

Another incident, that taught me about the power of forgiveness. This incident also showed me how the power of forgiveness protects and in fact relieve us from the attacks of the Devil. This incident happened in our family:

My wife and I were both handling a prolonged case of a woman (let us call her "Elvy"). She comes from a family of Shamans for generations. Our handling the case made the Satan within her rage violently, resulting of her to be possessed by the spirit dozens of times. She once had the power of magic however our handling the case was close to completion. During our handling of the case, Elvy still lives with her

parents who were descendants of Ishmael; in fault he is a strong black magic practitioner.

Elvy's father is capable to use magic and kill his enemy. Elvy said that "father usually send quail eggs to enter the body of the person that is targeted and may that cause the target stop breathing.

At first we were not aware that her father has aimed at us as his target for black magic, until one day an incident happened when a teenage girl, our neighbor, fell unconscious after climbing a guava tree in their yard. This girl was not experiencing any accident whatsoever. Apparently those handling the case of this little (Christian) girl knew that her state of unconsciousness was imposed upon by the power of darkness, and therefore my wife was invited to come over to deliver her.

My wife had a dialog with devil that possessed this little girl, drove it out, but it was, recalcitrant. The devil keeps possessing that girl until a young child showed a small lump, the size of quail egg on the girl's calf. That lump was not there before. Then my wife, guided by wisdom, with the palm of her hands immediately touched and pressed the lump, which she knew was the place where the devil was hiding, rebuked and cast him away, Praise the Lord, the problem was solved and the girl regained her consciousness.

My wife went home after witnessing the torture of this girl who was possessed by an evil spirit. My wife' heart was moved and unintentionally said: "O Lord, what is it like to be struck by black magic?"

The next day, early in the morning, my wife suffered an attacks of breathing difficulties! In the past, she had had asthmatic sickness but this time, it is of unusual intensity. She has rubbed her body with "medicinal oil" but her breathing difficulty did not yield away.

Our servant awakened me, and I did not understand what was going on. My wife, while gasping for breath asked me for help to massage her back. ' massaged her with normal intensity. Normally she would have protested in pain but surprisingly my wife complained and said: "not strong enough; massage it harder". Then I increased the pressure of massage with full intensity but she kept on complaining" "I feel nothing at all?!"

I immediately realized the presence of the power of the darkness that was attacking her. I started to pray, asking for permission to use the power of Jesus, then in the name of Jesus I commanded the devil to clear away. No results!

Recognizing that we are dealing with the Devil, I did not try to call for the doctor. Next attempt, I asked my wife to wait while I take water for her to drink from the kitchen. As a matter of habit I took time to go to the toilet to urinate. I was annoyed to find out that someone did not flush the toilet. I took a bucket of water to flush it but at a glimpse I saw a splinter of boiled egg. I also saw a small fragments of eggshell dotted and grayish by color.

I went to the kitchen, took a glass of water, prayed for it in the name of Jesus, and asked my wife to drink all of it, while at the same time conveying my annoyance that someone did not flush the toilet. My wife having swallowed the water told me that she was negligent to flush the toilet as she got attacked! The effort with drinking water also did not help!

At that critical moment heavenly wisdom reminded me of something. I asked my wife whether she had eaten boiled egg yesterday. "No", she said. I insisted her to try to remember, as a right answer is very important, only getting a negative nod of the head (while at the same time still struggling to breath for air!). At that moment it became clear to me who has sent this killer black magic to my wife, remembering that Elvy, the Shaman's prime seed had once told us that her father used to deploy quail eggs to bewitch people, with the intention to kill the target.

Wisdom reminded me of the story my wife told me, that the girl possessed by a spirit on whom she did stewardship service has a lump exactly the size of a quail egg on her calf. This is exactly like the pieces of eggshell that I saw in the toilet having small spots; no doubt they were fragments of quail eggs! My conclusion is firm: Elvy's father has used black magic several times against us, but this is the first time that the magic succeeded to enter our home.

As the matter became the way to cope with the problem became easy. Feeling relieved, I asked my wife to pray: "pray by yourself now, forgive Mr. M.L. who bewitched you, and plead Jesus Christ to forgive him and also bless him! Only then will the problem get solved!" My wife prayed by herself, forgave Mr. M.L., Elvy's father, then: "Amen" The new moment her breathing became normal and free! The devil has no more right to severely torture my wife! Hail Jesus!

My beloved brethren, this incident is showing all of us, how easy it is to defeat black magic dispatched by a Shaman. By extending forgiveness, the one giving forgiveness is actually bringin¹¹ about peace, therefore worthy to be called a child of God. (Matt 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.") By forgiving and not hate or fight against Mr. M.L., who intended to assassin her, my wife's status at that very moment has become a child of God!

Within the status as children of God the verses in Psalms 91:9-11 applies

(9) Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; (10) there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. (11) For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to help thee in all thy ways.

At that very moment my wife received God's angels protection and instantly the Devil's angels carrying the black magic was driven away. Another extraordinary thing happen at the time: we both heard horrifying explosion just like a distant

cannon fire! Its reverberation astonished us. Apparently that is the way the defeated Devil's angel leave when loosing the war! Defeated by the power of forgiveness!

My readers the beloved of Jesus Christ, that is the way of the power of forgiveness. By continuous forgiveness, you have built yourself a strong protective fortress, in fact a protection against the severe pummel of the Devil or black magic, magical formula, the practice of black magic by the servants of the Devil!

I guess I need to answer the questions that may emerge in your heart at the moment: "Why could a servant of the Lord be struc6y black magic?" The answer is easy if you understand the mechanism of pleading (Isaiah 43:2G) within t¹ne realm of the invisible that govern the lives of men! That the Devil likes to accuse mankind (Job 1 & 2; Zechariah 3:1; Revelation 12:10), and expect God to permit him to severely pummel mankind! Just like Job that was pummeled severely, although he was without sin.

The Devil's accusation could strike my wife, due to her own careless utterance (after helping the young girl, our neighbor that was possessed by an evil spirit): "How does it feel like to be caught up by black magic?" This very utterance is what the Devil accused man of (Matt 12:37 "By their words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned".) and God's righteousness permitted the Devil's angel to deliver the black magic and break through to enter amidst our house!

The next case, although minor in significance, but could be a very good lesson for people that work in the office and that have to deal on a dally basis with superiors (probably some have bad manner), should recorded here as well.

Once I worked for a Government Agency that was .just set up. From my many colleagues there was a Christian with a lower (government employee) rank than mine. Our superior was an Ishmael descendant who already achieved the tittle "Haj" from Mecca!

Not knowing why, in determining a job position, I was given a position that was lower than the position of my Christian colleague! This happened during the first years of my stewardship service for Jesus Christ. For sure, this unjust treatment aroused my feeling of rebellion and annoyance toward my superior.

However Jesus Christ apparently has a far better plan! **The Lord** opened my eyes about the Devil's plan behind our relationship, the followers of Jesus! The Devil made use of my superior to destroy relationship between both of us the followers of Jesus! The Devil also tried to bring me down through hatred and annoyance, in order to become unfit to do stewardship service for Jesus Christ!

By this awareness, my annoyance shifted now towards the Devil and no more towards my superior and neither towards my colleague. Henceforth my attitude was to forgive the injustice, and to bless my superior and colleague. Every day I have to deliver forgiveness (by prayer) because every day we meet face to face such that there is always a feeling of a pinch in the heart. Every time I must deliver forgiveness and blessings.

I was committed to break the Devil's plan! That is one of the spiritual warfare the Devil launched against the followers of Jesus!

The Devil did not admit defeat rightaway. He still whispers to my conscience (compare with John 13:2), suggestions like: "Aha, You only forgive with your mouth, but your heart is still hurt, isn't it? You hypocrite! " The Devil's accusation must be toppled down Praise the Lord, He again provided wisdom so that I could respond: "Be quiet you the Devil, my heart is none of your business, not even mine! I have surrendered my heart to Jesus Christ for him to renew, to become like His heart. In fact The Lord has promised (Ezekiel 36:25-26) a new heart to these who completely submit his heart to Him! Hey Devil, my job is to forgive and bless, as Jesus himself said: (Matt 12:37) "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by the words thou shalt be condemned!" Therefore hey Devil, in the name of Jesus I order you: Go away, and quit bothering me!"

Hail Jesus, the Devil, struck dumb, unable to provoke me anymore. The Lord Jesus' plan won in my heart that up till date I am still in the stewardship service for His glory! What happened next is that my superior of Ishmael descendant showed extraordinary respect to me. In fact at one time, my superior invited both my wife and I to his house and asked us to pray in order that his house may be guarded by God's power. Certainly I told him that God's power is found in the name of Jesus. We therefore prayed for his household to be guarded by Jesus' power. With patience I am waiting for the day that this family will personally surrender under the cross of the great Jesus Christ!

Ladies and Gentleman, make forgiveness your protective fortress ! To protect yourself from God's anger, to protect your self from man's evil attack which will in fact make you immune from the direct attack from the Devil.

Chapter 3: FORGIVENESS: THE STRATEGIC WEAPON OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS

Dear beloved of Jesus Christ, the last chapter has shown us how the understanding of the presence of "the enemy" (which is different) results in a different way of behaving and acting! The religious people that does not believe in Jesus, although they may claim Christians (those whose behavior is not in line with Jesus' behavior, our model,), tend to be of the opinion that "the enemy" are wicked people, that should be confronted, be silenced, chained, disabled, in fact that should be killed if necessary. This kind of attitude pleased the Devil! Therefore, this kind of personalities will be open to be occupied by the zest of hatred, the zest of

vengeance, the zest of condemning people, etc, up to the rest to murder. The religious people that does not believe in Jesus will soon fall under the grip of the Devil's influence' Because they do not live in accordance with the teachings of the Lord Jesus: "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing" (John 6:63). This religious people that does not believe in Jesus (although claiming to be Christians!)

disregarding the message that was conveyed by the apostle Peter (1 Peter 5: 8) Your adversary the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. They will soon come under the grip of the power of the Devils (angels of the Devil and the defiling spirits), with the result that he is unable to forgive, in fact he becomes one that bear resentment and is capable to hurt other people. What they do not realize is that "the other people" are actually also creations of the Lord Jesus, the beloved of Jesus Christ, such that Jesus allowed himself to die, also for these "other people"! So they are actually positioning themselves to compete against God! Sooner or later they will be claimed by the Devil to become victims of its severe pummel!!

On the other side, those who believe in Jesus, who live in accord with his teachings, will understand, that "the enemy" is the Devil, supported by millions of the Devils' angels who try to hold his grip on every man, and lead them to become rebellious against God. The followers of Jesus will love every man created by the Lord, including those who have oppressed them! The followers of Jesus don't have the heart to hurt other people, but will fight against that enemy: the Devil, angels of the Devils, along with the defiling spirits that it controls! The true followers of Jesus will quickly protect themselves by the power of forgiveness; they will easily forgive people that oppress them, with the result that the Devil is unable to deploy its defiling spirits to enter into the disciples of Jesus.

By this understanding, it will be anon-sense if someone claims to be Jesus' disciple while he refuse Jesus' teachings to always forgive their suppressors. It will also be anon-sense to confess that he is a Jesus' disciple if he does not accept Jesus' Leaching about evil spirits or defiling spirits and the Devil that controls those spirits!!

Let us move on to the following concept: The power of forgiveness as a strategic weapon for the followers of Jesus Christ!

Dear beloved of Jesus, be not mistaken to appraise as if the power to forgive to be only a strong fortress of defense! At the same time, "the power" to forgive is also the main weapon of Jesus' followers to launch long distance attack and destroy the fortification of the Devil and its angels!

In one Bible event, Jesus himself demonstrated "the power to forgive" as a "weapon" that succeeded to "take away" many human personalities from the grip of the Devil; they were delivered from the spirit of hatred, insult, accusation, and the spirit of passing judgment on people! In fact, some were saved and include, in the company of those entering paradise together with Jesus. Come on brothers and sisters, read Luke 23:33-43, 46-48. Brothers and sisters please take note of the two malefactors who were crucified together with Jesus; one of them ridiculed Him, while the other one rebuked the one making fun of Jesus. The one giving the reprimand in fact uttered words that showed his repentance! These words: "Does not thou fear God", which implied that he was declaring himself (at least from that time onwards) to fear God! He said: "And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds..."; wasn't it motivated by his regret of his sins'?

Also note the continuing sentence: "...but this man hath done nothing amiss". Isn't that an acknowledgement that Jesus is a righteous man? This also means that he acknowledged that all Jesus' utterances are true. This also means that Jesus is the Messiah, his savior! Further on, the Holy Ghost enabled him to say (verse 42): "Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

The word "when" implies a certainty: Jesus will certainly come as a King, it just is a matter of time; that was the conviction of the malefactor who reprimanded. It is now clear to you, that at that very moment the reprimander owned the status as a "saved person" and that he has reached salvation that Jesus proclaimed some moments before.

How wonderful the powerful of forgiveness is! The reprimander, this malefactor was saved by this power of forgiveness; Jesus himself declared his salvation, the supreme judge: "verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Brothers and sisters, the "foundation" for understanding that part of the Bible is the guideline found in 1 Cor. 12: 3 "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the spirit of God calleth Jesus accused: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."

Praise the work of the Holy Ghost toward this one malefactor simultaneously with the power of forgiveness that was expressed by Jesus who was crucified! Only through the Holy Ghost was the reprimander able to affirm that Jesus is a righteous man: also only then the Holy Ghost was able to say Jesus to be his King!

Brothers and sisters, your detailed examination is required to reflect on that part of the Bible. Did you pay attention that the rulers derided Jesus (verse 35)? Also take note that the soldiers also mocked Jesus (verse 36) but not the centurion.

The outpouring of forgiveness expressed by Jesus while he was crucified has flooded several people who were not scolders, those who do not reflect Devilish characteristics (remember, scolding is a characteristic of the Devil), while those who mock and scold will not enjoy the blessedness of forgiveness! Indeed the Devil and everyone that express the Devil's characteristics will have difficulties to obtain the blessings of forgiveness!

Verse 47 noted how the centurion glorified God saying: "certainly this was a righteous man!" Once again, only the Holy Ghost could possibly move him to say that. In the mean time, many other people were unable to speak out the same words, maybe due to their arrogance, also possibly due to the hardness of their heart, although later on they showed their regret when they smote their breasts as mentioned in verse 48: "and all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned. Whereas in fact, at the beginning, those spectators fiercely shouted and demanded Jesus to be crucified!

So it is, brothers and sisters, the power of forgiveness that Jesus demonstrated while he was crucified! A power so extraordinarily uncommon that can cause people to repent, confess their sin, able to make people to acknowledge and speak about His truth, even to save the sinners, guiding them into paradise! How wonderful is the power of forgiveness, in fact, forgiveness is the strategic weapon for Jesus' followers. Did you ever utilize this wonderful weapon??

The beloved of Jesus, allow me to write a few more pages to convey to you a testimony, how Jesus Christ guided me to utilize this strategic weapon, forgiveness, although at that time I was not yet aware of its powerfulness. Please follow the following case, which is a continuation of my stewardship service that I did on Elvy, the woman of Shamans descendant. This case of stewardship, service is suitable to be titled to revoke the magic of the Devil through the power of forgiveness! This incident happened following "Elvy" (Pseudonym) which case you have read in chapter 2. This case happened after the event where my wife was bewitched by Elvy's father, the Shaman from Bengkulu.

Actually Elvy has experienced the release from many defiling spirits that gripped her in the past. She has pushed aside all relationship with the Devil in the past, thus Elvy now feels as being possessed only by Jesus.

However, assault on her and ourselves continue to happen, because her father, two uncles, and her grandmother were unwilling to lose Elvy, their prime seed. This was conveyed by Elvy herself, who was still living with her father. Apparently, the four Shamans were very afraid of the Devil's terror (which they thought to be God), if their Shamanism is not handed down to the next generation! Therefore, these four Shamans now gather their ability (power of the Devil) to take Elvy back, even by killing us (if possible).

Almost every night around midnight, our dog howl in horror. To us at the time, it is a signal of the coming of the consignment of black magic addressed to us. When this happens, our work is nothing other than: get up, sit, pray to forgive, and bless the four Shamans mentioning their names. We furtherly request that Jesus Christ save all of them. Really the teaching of chapter 2 ("to destroy black magic through the power of forgiveness") that we practiced dozens of times in confronting these four persons, of which three of them I never have met!

One night, when Elvy visited and stayed over night at our house, a strange thing happened, difficult to understand and very annoying. Elvy, who for some time has been free being possessed by spirits, was attacked by the black serpent spirit, which we have already cast out in the past. Actually she had sensed, the oncoming spirit. We tried to repel that spirit, but it succeeded to enter Elvy's body.

We then had to again enter the supreme court of the universe (with God himself as the supreme Judge), having temporary bound the spirit within Elvy while bringing up the case against the Devil. Satan acknowledged that actually he had been defeated could therefore no longer permeate Elvy at will as he likes, but this time there is "the permit" to permeate again!

I felt that Jesus' "territory" (that is Elvy's body) is being violated, therefore as a soldier of Christ I was moved to counter attack to, take back the territory for Jesus.

Therefore, I exclaimed: "Listen, serpent Spirit you have gone too far, that I declare right now that all the four Shamans (I mentioned their names) have obtained forgiveness from the Lord Jesus, because we have asked from Jesus Christ! If you are able, counter this statement!"

The black serpent Satan could not oppose, because it is divine truth, that the request to forgive other people (especially those who have injured us!), is extremely valid and is immediately granted by Jesus Christ. Now, devil because

of your behavior of continuing disturbance, I now "claim" all four Shamans: that in due time they will become Jesus Christ' possessions".

This Satan could not deny, even in the continuing litigation, he was already defeated and only after establishing conditions that forever the devil may never permeate Elvy again, I permitted him to go. We were satisfied, thinking that the deal with the Satan's servants was settled forever. We went back to our room to rest.

It turned out that what we assumed was erroneous! Very early in the morning, I was awakened and informed that Elvy was again possessed by a spirit. Again this black serpent devil was in action. I was very annoyed by the broken promise. This spirit did not talk in his usual dashing tone but rather timidly he said, "I have the permit to permeate again". I was very annoyed; not understanding who could s1-ow such power, to permit the serpent spirit permeates again, while actually it had already defeated in the litigation at the Supreme Court of the universe.

Brothers and sisters, it was only recently that I understood that The Lord's sovereignty had intervened at that time! The Lord's sovereignty is above all else. In fact surpasses all of the Lord's laws (The Ten Commandments) or spiritual laws in the Supreme Court of the Universe, which I usually dealt with. The Lord's sovereignty gave HIM the right to permit evil spirits to temporarily possessed even the most devout Christian, because after all we are all only His servants aren't we? Therefore I realized later, that it was the Lord himself that permitted the black serpent devil to permeate into Elvv for last evening, the release process had been completed. But some time later the Lord himself permitted the spirit to permeate, (which you will soon read for yourself), in the order to teach me more understanding about the mystery of the Supreme Court of the Universe.

Again I brought the case against the black serpent spirit, just like the night before. I again took the attitude like the soldier for Christ: if the Devil's angel seized a territorial region of the Lord, then the Devil's other territorial/ region must be confiscated! My demand that morning was therefore much stronger than the demand of the night before. I pressed the serpent spirit that already broken its promise last night with a more severe condition. "I permit you to leave the woman with one condition, to remove all black magic capabilities from all four Shamans! Because Lord Jesus wants to save them all. They no longer need the black magic power!"

The devilish spirit responded with a pitiful voice: "Well, this condition is impossible for me to fulfill! I am in no position to remove out all that magic power from them!" I kept on pressing: "No, they have done enough to hurt people with their black magic of the Devil! It is time now to remove all black magic power. Who then has the right to remove it?"

The spirit answered: "That could only be done by my leader". "Who is your leader?" I asked and pursued him. He answer: "Yes, my leader the one who provided the black magic power!" Now I understand; as I use the term "black magic power of the devil," consequently the provider of these magic power of the devil is the devil himself!

Did you notice, the serpent spirit, did not dare to mention the name "Satan," he said "my leader" instead"?

Then I continued: "Do you mean to say that "Satan himself has the right to remove the black magic power?" "That's right," responded the serpent spirit while waiting for further response from me.

Having been half way through, explosively, I demanded the serpent spirit: "Call your leader to come here!" I was startled, silent, and a little surprised for my being so determined and I heard the serpent spirit responded in a challenging tone: "Are you serious with what you said Situmorang?" Indeed, I was a half way through already, I confirm explicitly: "Yes, it's true, invite him here!"

"Alright" The serpent spirit said, "Then let me go first"., The spirit needed to ask for permission to leave Elvy's body, as he was still bound under Jesus' power. However, I was alert to beware of his annoying craftiness, hoping that he will not only go without sending his leader. So I said: "Just invite your leader to come here, without you having to leave the woman, liar!"

I was surprised, the serpent Satan whine in fear: "I can't be together with him in one place! I should leave first before he could enter!" (I said to myself: apparently the serpent spirit is extremely afraid to be present together with Satan in one human body!)

Having warned him not to cheat, I let him go. Elvy became conscious but only for a while because soon there after she exclaimed to me: "Oh. Sir there is something else is coming to enter my body! There he is, the one standing in the front yard. Beautiful and handsome at the same time! Young, having authoritative bearing; he said that he must enter my body, because someone invited him to come here!" My hair stood on end: that was apparently him, the leader, Lucifer or Satan, the one I invited to come, without Elvy's awareness.

"I don't want to accept him, Sir, as I am now witness: Jesus and have denied alliance with every power of darkness. I don't want to be possessed by a spirit again!" I then explained to Elvy a little bit regarding the meaning of submission to Jesus Christ. Total submission, that when the Lord requires our life, we will do so with full willingness. It would be insignificant to only lend our body for a few moments to become a vessel for the presence of Satan, if all of this is really the Lord's will. I then invited Elvy to pray, and express our obedience to the Lord stating that if this matters do not agree with the will of the Lord Jesus, that it may be canceled by the Lord's authority, that I maybe forgiven for inviting that Lucifer!

We ended the prayer, and now it is up to the will of the Lord. It turned out that Elvy spoke: "Sir, he entered anyway, Sir! Now he has entered!" Soon Elvy's face changed becoming more distinct. Her eyes became red and both of her hands spread out on to the top of the bed where Elvy had been sitting. Both hands were in the form like two Wings (of an angel) that was spread out! The atmosphere became quiet, and time seemed like being on hold, stopped.

"Now I am here, because someone has invited me here." Satan broke the quietness. As usual as preparations for litigation, Satan's identity was questioned: "Who are you Satan? Introduce yourself!" Satan replied indirectly: "I was the one that you invited, Situmorang!"

"Hey, you know me already, apparently you have dealt with me quite often?" He confirmed: "Yes, hundreds of times." That statement was the truth, because indeed I have dealt with the Devil. hundreds of times, in fact to pray and fight against the personal Devil directly. All of that were actions directly encountering the Devil, the accuser.

Again I returned to investigating this mysterious personality's identity: "Alright, if so, who are you actually, are you Satan?" This spirit persisted to not reveal his identity immediately, but explained that he is the personality that I invited awhile ago: "Who did you invited awhile ago? That's me." He uttered calmly but in an arrogant tone.

Then came the heavenly wisdom guiding me to perform spiritual examination (1 John 4:1). I challenge the spirit: "If you are the personality that I invited a while ago, you will certainly dare to speak out the following sentences: In the name of Jesus, I am Lucifer, the devil." The spirit repeated it fluently, without hesitation. Meaning that he is indeed Lucifer himself. (During the years of my stewardship service, I have found that no devil of lower rank dared to mention the name Satan or Lucifer. For example: the serpent spirit previously was afraid to mention the name Jesus, the wonderful name, full with power. Leave alone mentioning mention the name, only to hear the name that we pronounce, already cause him to fear!)

Accordingly I said: "Apparently you are able to mention the name Jesus, Satan." He replied: "Yes, you are right, because since the ancient times, I had been together with Him." Lucifer then threatened and provoked: "See, now I am now present here, therefore nobody will be able to set this child free!"

Miraculously, the Lord Jesus, give me peace, in fact I was very composed, so that I could respond with a witty remark: "Ah, you are very old Lucifer, in apparent senility; you forgot. Lucifer, the power of Jesus is also present here'." The attack was broken.

Immediately- afterwards, the second attack came, speaking in an angry tone: "But can I take the woman to wherever I like, and nobody can prevent me from doing so!" However, this attack is just the same: rotten threat The truth from the Lord Jesus, stipulation of the supreme court of the universe (see Matthew 12 verse 37: "For by thy words thy shalt be justified, and by thy words thy shalt be condemned.") I put forward: "You cannot take her, the woman does not like you, Lucifer! Repeatedly she had stated that she is possessed by Jesus!"

Thus, the dialog continued, however the Devil took time to greet our children while watching the event, delayed their departure for school: "Nice kids, you don't have to worry, nothing will happen here. You just go to school." (These utterances were also Correct, contain the understanding that: the Devil was given the chance by the Lord to be present in our house, put us to the test but with restriction: not to do physical damage just like the restriction the Lord imposed on him when he tempted Job).

Still the Devil tossed its dangerous snare: "Situmorang, you are indeed an extra ordinary servant of the Lord!" A flattery that may boost your coo, and exploit your bosom!

Luckily, heavenly wisdom reminded me of humility (Luke 17:10 "So likewise ye when ye shall have done all these things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants:

we have done that which was our duty to do.") That snare I immediately avoided by fasting on full day. At that instant I replied: "That is not important Satan, there is another issue that I would like to settle with you. The four Shamans (I mentioned the names of Elvy's relatives) having used black magic On us, with the purpose to destroy us, however, we still forgave them and plead that the Lord Jesus forgives and blesses them! So the four Shamans have obtained forgiveness from the Lord Jesus Christ. Deny this statement if you are able!"

The Devil was silent, he could not deny. I was then free to continue: "Now, Satan, you are bound to this place, and can not go anywhere without permission. On the other hand, the four Shamans have obtained forgiveness from the Lord Jesus. In fact I claimed that in the Lord's time, they will be saved and become the beloved children of the Lord. Therefore they do not need your devilish black magic any longer! There have been enough victims of your black magic, and now in the name of Jesus Christ, I order you to withdraw all the devilish black magic from them! You have to make this promise to do this before we permit you to leave the woman. What is your answer?"

Satan promised to remove the Shamans' magical formulas from those four people, so I permitted him to leave Elvy's body. Elvy regained consciousness; amazingly, she did not suffer from exhaustion that usually happened to her after being processed! Indeed, because being possessed by the devil this time was due by the Lord's permission.

The issue was solved. A few months later, in another case, Elvy's younger brother, was hurt by someone. It proved that Elvy's father did no longer use black magic to destroy the enemy, but only went to another shaman to handle the case. The magical formula was really extinct! Praise Jesus.

My dearly beloved readers, so wonderful is the strategic weapon called forgiveness, in that black magic power of all four Shamans could be removed completely! What is amazing is the fact that we never met face to face with three of them! The tremendous power of Jesus is indeed provided through forgiveness! Would you like to have this extra ordinary wonder? Hail Jesus; come, practice forgiveness!!

Chapter 4. FORGIVENESS: TO WIN PEOPLE (RESIDES, DISABLING THE POWER OF THE DEVIL)

Dear Readers the beloved of Jesus Christ, in the past, I (you also?) tend to regard other people as our rival, even as an enemy. Possibly because of not being aware of the presence of the Devil with its negative influence upon man's livelihood. This opinion becomes the basis of one main purpose in the various aspect of my livelihood (you too?): to surpass friends, to beat the rivals, in fact to defeat the enemies! Indeed many people consider life in this world as a contest, competition and a match to surpass others.

"Just wipe them out", that's the motto of the contestant of this world; "I have no mercy." is the attitude of the conquerors at all times. That was also my understanding when I was still under the status as a child of the world. To offer forgiveness show soft heartedness, on the contrary one in authority should be strong, in fact may have satisfaction to see bloodshed! To offer forgiveness is the same like giving the opportunity for the defeated person to take revenge in the future, to defeat, or destroy us After much effort to defeat another person, if he is to be forgiven this is only preparing for seedling of trouble in the future." That's the opinion of conquerors and winners!

Different from the understanding held by the people of this world, Jesus taught not to *subdue* other people, but to *win over* people, to will over to become our colleague even to make them to become Christ's; not just to conquer or defeat or even destroy a person! To will over means to make another person to become one's valuable colleague! To be useful to spread the Kingdom of heaven! To win over does not

mean to make some one a slave, or to turn him into a forced labor slave, but to turn him to become servant of the Lord Jesus, who voluntarily, and with joy extends stewardship for the glory of Jesus!

This attitude will be one of the glorious "capital", that makes it possible for the Kingdom of Heaven to stand until the 20th century and will stand for ever and ever, because no human being is destroyed by it; no body's heart is hurt, not possible for anyone to bear a grudge against the Kingdom of Heaven, even though this Kingdom is a natural enemy of the Devil and its henchman!

By understanding the above mentioned spiritual attitude, the record found in 1 John 5:16 will be easily understood. Citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven have the power to plead for forgiveness unto the LORD, for the sake of other people, and the LORD provided that forgiveness, in order that the other people may be saved! And by the power of forgiveness, the Kingdom of Heaven also extend considerably from day-to-day, becoming more glorious all the time, (16) "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, re shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it"

Please brethren, do pray more in communication with God, plead forgiveness on behalf of other people's sin, even these whom you have not been acquainted with! The LORD will swiftly answer prayers like these, Just like what happened in the following cases.

CASE 1: At one time, my wife was concluding her morning agenda by sitting in prayer to the Lord in the upstairs room simultaneously enjoying the scenery of the garden and fish pond (of our neighbor) down below. Now, at that time she saw a man bending over under the cassava plants with his machete dialing up the cassava roots. We know the owner of the cassava plantation. My wife pitied the prospective thief, her hearts was moved to pray for him as found in 1 John 5:16.

My wife pleaded forgiveness unto the Lord for the sins of that person, pleading that the Lord may bestow him an abundance of basic necessities of life so that he doesn't have to steal again, at once pleading that the Lord may touch his heart! In her prayer, she stridently command the spirit of theft to come out from that man! Certainly it was done not to capture a thief, but just in order to abort the attempt to steal, to cause the devilish work to fail!

What happened next? The man became restless, looked around in a gazed way, and finally left the cassava garden! The act of theft was aborted. That day the devil failed to lead a person to commit a sin! Hallelujah! flow appropriate is the statement from the Bible: "For charity shall cover the Multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:S) Praise Jesus.

CASE 2 : This time, my wife was on a bus ride to go the place of her service. She saw a man about to take action; he groped around a lady's bag next to him. Again spiritual measures were taken, not fleshly action by screaming: "Pickpocket!" Which only may have resulted in disaster to her!

Didn't Jesus teach us John 6:63): It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing? Therefore the right measures to take were to pray.

Prayer in communication with God, just the Same as the prayer that was done for the prospective cassava stealing. In his restlessness awakened by the Lord (by that prayer request) the prospective pickpocket started to turn his head. His gaze caught my wife's eyes. Now my wife only needed to wink her eyebrows, without a word, but only through her facial expression as if to say: "What are you doing?" Immediately the man withdrew from his wicked plans; at the next bus stop he quickly got off and left the bus! Praise Jesus, love indeed covers many sins!

CASE 3: This is an incident similar to the previous 2 cases, however it was demonstrated through the oneness of mind of 2 servants of the Lord! I was driving our car on a busy street, so the traffic was moving rather slowly. My wife accompanied me and she sat on my left side. At one place we saw a traffic officer face to face with a scooter driver whom, the officer just stopped. Probably the scooter driver had violated a traffic regulation. We saw the officer already holding a document (possibly a driving license) from the scooter driver.

"Oh, another extortion is going to happen again", that thought voiced through my mind. My heart was triggered, to start praying, requesting forgiveness for the officer, should he have intentions to extortion; requesting forgiveness if the scooter driver has violated the traffic regulation, and "In the name of Jesus Christ, get ye hence you the spirit of extortion from that officer. Let the spirit of the Lord's forgiveness be present there," so I made my appeal. Without discussing the matter before hand, my wife has apparently already done the same thing I did!

Smiling in delight I saw the result. From the rearview mirror I saw the traffic officer handed a "document" back and the scooter driver continued his journey. The power of Jesus in forgiveness is very extraordinary! Praise be to Jesus.

Dearly beloved readers, all the abovementioned cases show the truth of the teachings regarding the power of forgiveness and the truth of the Bible messages that love covers many sins! The question to you now is: Have you ever proven it? If you have never practiced it, what a loss it is to you! Especially if all along you have been confessing as the servant of the Lord Jesus! Amos, a prophet of the Old Testament has long understood and practiced this principle. Please read the following book of Amos chapter 7:

- (1) Thus hath the Lord God showed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings. (2) And it came to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord God, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? For he is small. (3) The Lord repented for this: It shall not be, saith the Lord. (4) Thus hath the Lord God showed unto me: and, behold, the Lord God called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part. (5) Then said I, O Lord God, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise?

For he is small. (6) The Lord repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord God.

How wonderful is the intercessory prayer to God that the prophet Amos did isn't it? We as followers of Jesus who confess to be servants of the Lord that is all loving, who are instructed to 'love thy neighbor', should feel ashamed to be compared to the love of Amos.

To make you aware of how wonderful the power that is found in forgiveness, and how this power will subdue win over others, please ^" serve the following last case of this chapter:

I have a brother in law and let's call his pseudonym as "Alut" who lately committed heart-breaking behavior that in fact humiliated him, so we will not go in detail about it. His embarrassing behavior not only violated social norms but also violated the Church's norms as well, moreover he trespassed the Lord's commandments for family life of the people of the Lord. Due to this behavior, naturally the society, as well as the church and families expelled his whole family. You can say that it was difficult for people to forgive and forget the misbehavior..

Brother Alut's behavior hurt my mother's heart till she died of that heartache. Being someone who at the time was not yet the servant of the Lord, I swore, not to forgive this husband and wife except if they make a devotional visit to the grave of my mother and ask for pardon there. (Obviously at that time I was not aware of things pertaining to the "grave", i.e.: (1) that my mother was not there anylonger (2) that the grave is actually the "throne of Satan") Isaiah 14:12-15) Brothers and Sisters, one day I was by a strong impulse impelled by the Lord to extend forgiveness to this brother Alut. In my struggle a few nights, The Lord incite some ideas into my mind, among others: "Are you letting your brother Alut stay banished like he is now?" but I felt I got the respond from another source: "Let it be so, Isn't it even his own fault!"

Or: "Are you, who claim to be my servant, unwilling to forgive his trespasses against you?" Response from another source said: "Let them come to ask for forgiveness, I may not forgive them haven't I sworn...?" The Lord's next question: "Do you enjoy seeing them pressed down under society's judgment that they had to bear?" Immediately the answer from another source said: "Indeed I do not enjoy it, but just let it be so for now, until they reach self awareness!" The Lord still insisted to question me: "If not you that start forgiving them, you who claim to be My follower, who then could be expected to start to forgive them?"

That was the struggle that went on for at least a couple of night. Praise the Lord, He empowered me to make a decision that pleased the Lord; I went to see brother Alut and his family and forgave them. I also requested his forgiveness to all my trespasses that certainly, I may have done in the past as well!

The Lord Jesus has won this contest, forgiveness again happened just like in Golgotha. The story, which we have discovered before, then brother Alut was further, purified by the Lord Jesus. Three or four years after this event he and, ill's wife give

themselves to be delivered from past sinful life and being born again. What is more precious is that five years later brother Alut surrendered all his devilish objects that he relied on, that was then destroyed by a Lord's servant . He became a true Christian!

Beloved readers, can you see the fact: if it was not started by forgiveness extended through a trespassed brother, how difficult it is for brother Alut to obtain salvation! And, can you see how wonderful the power of forgiveness is? Someone is not conquered by forgiveness, does not become a loser by your forgiveness, but he is won over! Subjection or conquering only adds to more people with heartache against you, but forgiveness adds the people that respect, admire, and in fact love you! This is the time I appeal CHURCH OFFICIALS, of all churches, is there someone among you that refuses to forgive his colleague? Are you not willing to resolve the difference of opinion or quarrel that happen within your church? Where are you leading the church (that you said) is Christ owned? Please take note brother, I did not ask where you want to go! That question does not need to bring up, because those who do not want to forgive or ask for forgiveness belongs to the Devil!

Hey husbands, and hey wives are you having a quarrel with your partner? Are you unwilling to forgive? Ashamed to ask for forgiveness? For sure your opponent will get misfortune and you yourself will be annihilated, if you hold out such quarrelsome situations. The quarrelsome atmosphere gives the Devil freedom to work to destroy people, to shatter people spiritually and physically! Looking at quarrels, The Lord Jesus is saddened, the Devil laughs happily!

Are you hurt y your child, or by your own parents? Maybe your colleagues have hurt, inflict a loss to you or even suppressed you! Don't you forgive him? Your opponent will be accused by the devil in the future and you will be annihilated. Heaven will grief, and the Devil will laugh!

On the contrary, if you forgive, then your opponent is won over, and you defeated Satan, the Lord Jesus will be happy and to the contrary the Devil disappointed! Are you willing to pray as provided below, request to the Lord that you may be empowered to forgive people? Then say this prayer audibly:

Lord Jesus, the King of Peace.

Now I understand the title of The King of Peace that you bear; that You are indeed the King in matters of giving forgiveness to all people! Therefore I, who confess as being the follower of Jesus, and am not a follower of the Devil, the accuser, I have to learn to forgive as well.

Lord, first of all forgive this humble servant, who in the past has g: eat difficulties to forgive my fellow brethren. Purify my heart Lord, through your Holy Ghost. Create in me the spirit of forgiveness and the spirit of humility. I want to be able to forgive my fellow man, forgive anyone that has hurt me.

May you always rein, oh Lord Jesus Christ, King of Peace, within my heart. Make me to become the personality that please you that is, able to obey your plan Lord, my Savior I thank you, Most Holy Father; in the name of Jesus I have prayed, AMEN.

Beloved brethren, the following prayer is a test cases regarding the nature of forgiveness and humility those you possess. If you still have difficulties to forgive, I will show you another Biblical principle. Please read Deuteronomy 32:35.

(35) To me belongeth vengeance, and recompense; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

To me belongeth vengeance, and recompense.. Can you see it, that the Lord was uttering a "claim", demanding that matters of vengeance and recompense belongeth to the Lord alone? That the Lord does not share this right to vengeance and recompense with any man, can you see this'? We, men, have no right to vengeance and recompense our heartaches upon others. Maybe you want to keep vengeance against someone? Persist to recompense your heartache? Be aware, brother, that you are actually robbing the Lord of His right..

Now, my brethren, it is a good opportunity for you to pray, to correct your broken relationship with the Lord! Pray that you may be empowered to forgive your fellow man, express this prayer, preferably audibly:

Lord Jesus, the great and powerful.

Forgive my irreversible trespasses to rob the Lord's right in matters of revenge and recompense. Now I realize O, Lord, how glorious thou art: Even though You have the privilege to revenge, also on me that have taken away Your rights, that is the right to revenge, thou did not beat me up for this trespass of taking away your right!

Thank you Lord, for the overflow of Your love, for that You have forgiven me! Purify me O lord Jesus, from every sin and impurities of my past.

I will forgive every one that has hurt me. For the sake of Jesus, I withdraw all revenge and heart ache and remove it from within me. Please Lord Jesus make me to become a personality that brings peace, forgiveness and humility. Give me O Lord, the qualities of character and life that honors the Lord Jesus, my personal Savior.

In the name of Jesus, the all merciful, I pray, AMEN.

Brethren, if you succeed to say the above prayer, I will say: congratulations! Welcome to become citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven, citizen of the King of Peace! Just to alert you, the Devil certainly doesn't like this or is annoyed by your success to pray the above prayer. He would try to wobble or shake you by saying "Hypocrite! Only in words, do you forgive, your heart is still unforgiving, and you still have a vengeful heart!" Then you should reply the Devil's voice by:

"Get ye hence Devil, by my words I have forgiven my brothers and sisters and I know, by my words I shall be justified (Matt 12:37), Regarding my hurt feelings, that is not your business devil, because regarding my heart I have turned it over for the Lord Jesus to purify, in fact I will be given a new heart, in line with His promise in Ezekiel 36:26 (Ä new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you:

and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh...") For the sake of Jesus Christ, get ye hence Devil you are defeated, by the Lord Jesus Christ, my savior!"

Chapter 5: FORGIVENESS: A POWER TO RESTORE OUR TRUE SELFHOOD

Dear reader the beloved of the Lord Jesus, in the previous chapter we have discussed several types of power that is found in forgiving. Let me repeat again the types of powers to refresh our minds:

- a. Forgiveness, that is forgiving and to receive forgiveness, is the basis of human salvation; so the power of salvation is found in forgiveness. This principle is only clear to the Christian people that have repented.
- b. Forgiveness is a defense, fortress for mankind against the attacks of the Devil's and his servants! The power to ward off disturbances from the attacks of the devil is found in the deed of forgiveness. This principle is clear to only the followers of Jesus.
- c. Forgiveness forms the strategic weapon of Jesus' followers; the power to break the attack of the Devil is found in forgiveness, in fact the power to destroy the fortification of the Devil! This principle is only clear to the soldiers of Jesus Christ only!
- d. Forgiveness has the power to win over the adversary to become friends and not to subdue! Also with forgiveness, the Kingdom of Heaven is expanded, without creating more enemies, because there is no reason for the adversary to hate or revenge against the Kingdom of Heaven!

The other principle will be discussed in this chapter: Forgiveness has the power to restore our true selfhood! Restored from nuisance of spiritual sickness as well as physical sickness.

Brothers and sister, indeed a lot of people (even the Christian Community) are suffering from this spiritual diseases like, hatred, envy, despair, resentment, disappointment, vandalism, wickedness, etc. All of these are spiritual diseases that are hard to heal, except through forgiveness. Through forgiveness (forgiving other people) someone's spirituality could be restored. Now, since the spiritual diseases also cause the physical diseases, it is also clear to see that: healing or spiritual restoration will cause the self to also be restored from physical diseases as well.

This principle is put forward by James 5:16 *"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."* It is a pity that many servants of the Lord do not see that the term "Ye may be healed" covers two aspects of man's self the spiritual healing and the physical healing. Apparently some of the servants of the Lord only see matters of "things on the earth" (that is: physicals healing) that makes it hard to understand matters "on things above" (spiritual healing)! (Colossians 3:1-2)

Forgiveness that is put forward by James 5:16 is also practiced amidst our household affairs, every time any of our children fell ill! Each time when any of our children fell ill, it is not the doctor that we call on first, but the Lord Jesus! That child we persuade to have a meditation Lime, to plead for the Lord Jesus to point out or remind them in case

they should have trespassed the laws of the Lord or as bylaws. We, their parents, will do the same, because it may be possible that the (trespasses) of the parents which cause the sickness of the children (John 9:1-3) "(1) And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. (2) And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? (3) Jesus answered, neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him). Usually within a few minutes, the error is revealed (uncovered), then the child concerned asked the Lord Jesus' forgiveness. Yes, forgiveness; that will result in spiritual restoration, especially for the child that fell ill. After spiritual restorations through forgiveness of the Lord, the physical disturbance is easily overcome, and health is soon restored with or without the aid of medication.

Beloved brothers and sisters, various health problems become very simple to overcome for our family that have repented and forsworn and practiced James 5:16 every time we face any health problem!

Reconsider the case of brother Alut that was presented in the previous chapter. The heartache that brother Alut caused toward my mother was not resolved immediately by him. My mother apparently also did not immediately forgive and pardon him. Until her passing away, my mother never again met with that brother in law.

The opposite happened to me. The Lord guided me to use this opportunity to restore myself from this spiritual disease: *to pass judgment on other people, or to hate or hard to forgive*. Only after I conveyed my forgiveness to brother Alut, was I restored, with the result that it is no longer easy for me to become angry towards other people's mistake! I no longer enjoy passing judgment on other people; in fact it became so easy for me to forgive those people that hurt me. Praise Jesus, that is the power that the Lord wants it to be carried out by everyone that confess to be His follower.

Brothers and sisters the beloved of the Lord Jesus, it would be good if I present one more case that : did during stewardship recently, about a dispute amidst a Church congregation. Bear with me, please

A Church Elder (a woman) together with her husband, let's call the pseudonym as: Mr. and Mrs. Ipayung, they came to see me to get some advice regarding their problem. Mr. Ipayung, who is as Deacon of their Church, had a disagreement with a teacher of the congregation of that Church. This man acknowledged that he has been terrorized, suppressed and intrigued by this teacher of the congregation, with the result that they are in the process of considering to resign from this congregation; especially Mr. Ipayung got to the point of having stroke 2 months ago due to this problem. Therefore this husband and wife came to see me to find a solution for their problem.

I don't doubt the truth of their story, but started by putting forward a basic spiritual principle: "Whose followers are both of you? The followers of the Great Jehovah, or the followers of the Lord Jesus, the All Loving?" They inquired: "What is the difference?" I clarified that there is a clear difference, which I will explain only after they firmly, answered the aforementioned question. Certainly their answer was the same as your guess: "I am a follower of Jesus".

I continued: "As you acknowledged to be followers of Jesus and are matured in your Christianity, it would only be natural to ask the question and answer it yourself: "If

Jesus the Son of Man, was in my position, what would He do?" A little embarrassed the husband answered: "Oh, yes, certainly Jesus would have forgiven the fraudulent teacher of the congregation."

Now, there is the difference between to be followers of the Great Jehovah and the follower of Jesus - the All Loving! Should you have acknowledged being followers of the Great Jehovah you would freely apply the law of "a tooth for a tooth."? But since you have acknowledged to be followers of Jesus, The All Loving, now your guideline is clear: Forgive that teacher of the congregation and keep on serving that Church. Be "the salt of the earth" there.

At first they were rather reluctant to do it, until I had to extend to them the testimony about the process that the Lord had done upon me through brother Alut's case. That forgiveness had saved a brother. That forgiveness restores our true selfhood. Equally important to realize is that: both you and your wife are actually not in a disagreement but it's like the process of being promoted in school! Both of you are being guided by the Lord Jesus to be promoted spiritually to a higher level, in fact higher than the spiritual level of that teacher of the congregation; that is if you are willing!

They were satisfied with this explanation, and indeed this was the key to their problem that they have been struggling with so far. Praise the Lord, we prayed together and send them off with the spirit of forgiveness from the Lord Jesus, also with the spirit of humility and the spirit of courage to be able to do the will of the Lord Jesus that (to the opinion of the man of the world) seemed to be impossible to be done. Under the guidance of the Lord Jesus, everything will certainly be carried on beautifully. Praise be to Jesus.

My beloved brothers and sisters, haven't you concluded the prayer found in the last chapter? Are you willing to endure your ailing spirituality and not willing to be restored? It is solely your right to decide; that part that is yours! I cannot force you but if you decide to be restored, launch up the following prayer:

Lord Jesus my Savior.

I am willing to grope for the spiritual restoration that the You. Lord Jesus, give me the ability to forgive my brothers and sisters that have hurt my heart. As a first step, right now I am forgiving them all through this prayer. Indeed at the moment it is only from the mouth, indeed at the moment it is only in front of you Lord, but I trust that one day you will empower me to forgive those that have hurt me on a face to face scale!

In the name of Jesus, I plead that in the coming days the Lord may remind me of the people one-by-one that have hurt me since my childhood in order that I may forgive all of them without exception!

In the name of Jesus Christ, I plead that the Lord empower me to extend forgiveness to each of them whenever the chance open up. In order that we may be restored!

In the name of Jesus Christ, I plead that the Lord Jesus may heal the inner wounds that I suffered since my childhood, so that I may be reformed/healed from my inner wounds, restored without flaw, without scar that I may become worthy to offer my spiritual being in the eyes of the Lord; that I may be worthy to sing: Romans 12:1 dear Father I present my body as a living sacrifice; holy acceptable unto you, which is my reasonable service ... I worship

thee, Lord, I worship thee, Lord; I submit my life unto you; for the glory of Thy Name . . . , AMEN.

Chapter 6. FORGIVENESS: THE NOBLE CHARACTER OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS

Dear reader the beloved of Jesus Christ, have you lived a good life? That's good enough. Have you been a good Christian? Have you repented and be born again? If you have answered "yes" on the last two questions, it is certain that you will extend forgiveness to all the people that demand this from you! Repeatedly he comes to you requesting forgiveness; repeatedly you will forgive him; that is the behavior of a good Christian person!

Isn't it the command that Jesus gave in Luke 17:3-4?

(3) Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespasses against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. (4) And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

Dear brothers and sisters, If you belong to the group of people as mentioned above, then to you will possess all the blessings of the future. Allow me to further open for you the secrets of the Heavenly Kingdom; Jesus Christ wants you to grow spiritually! To climb up the ascending road of spiritual living, to leave behind the worldly behavior, to achieve the glorious behavior of the citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Please pay attention to the following verses:

Matt. 5: (9) Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Mat. 5: (23) Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; (24) Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

What is the similarity of these two quotations (Luke 17:3-4 with Matt. 5:9 and Matt. 5: 23 24)? The first one deals with the matter of bringing peace amongst our fellow men, that certainly also covers our duty to forgive. While the second one touched ca matters of forgiving and the giving of forgiveness also. So both quotations above touch the matters on how to restore peace amongst our fellow men.

However there is a difference between those two quotations. On what subject? On the subject of taking initiative; who reached first to restore that peace? Take note brothers and sisters: in the quotation from Luke 17:3-4 initiative was taken by the one committing the sin. He was given forgiveness thus peace was restored. But the one giving the forgiveness was not the initiative taker. The one who gave forgiveness was passively waiting. Waiting for the one committing the sin to come to him. This kind of forgiveness is good enough but it is not yet something glorious!

In the quotation from the Gospel of Matthew, it is quoted "blessed are the peacemakers", and "Leave then thy gift before the altar and first be reconciled to thy brother"! Both verses uses active verbs, this shows that the initiative was taken by the one extending the forgiveness, right? The correct term in this matter is not "to give forgiveness" but "to extend forgiveness"! This one is glorious!

Once again, brothers and sisters: to forgive repenting people is good enough. However the initiative taking was still with the person that requested it! What is glorious here: is to extend forgiveness, even though the trespassing person was not expecting it! The initiative is in your hands! This should be the attitude of the citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven. Be active to restore peace and reconciliation!

And take heed, the beloved of Jesus, at whatsoever stage of spirituality you are in now, actually Jesus Christ expects you to reach that glorious behavior as explained above. Starting with your willingness, the Lord Jesus will guide you to rise into that glory, as long as you don't ward off His guidance.

I can talk like this because I have experienced it. The case of brother Alut, was one of the cases where the Lord Jesus taught me, and gave me the opportunity to extend forgiveness! In the story found in Chapter 4, have you noticed that the Lord has arranged in such a way that it was I that visited brother Alut's family, and not the other way around, even though it was they that committed the disgrace!

In that event I could not apply on the customary laws and traditions, cannot depend on social regulations, but to obey on the glorious directions of the Kingdom of Heaven! That's the way brothers and sisters, after I extended forgiveness for brother Alut's family, I turned in to report to the Lord Jesus in my evening prayer. "Lord Jesus, your command have I followed. I thank you that Thou have enabled me to extend this forgiveness; this difficult task has been accomplished..."

At that very moment my spiritual vision open up immensely. I could see how glorious, noble and supreme Jesus Christ is, who provided forgiveness for all mankind through His crucifixion at Golgotha! Tears flowed down my cheeks when I prayed. I clearly saw the glory of Jesus Christ. It was not that men should come to His throne to receive forgiveness, on the contrary it was Jesus' initiative, to leave His throne to come to earth, and even died in a most humiliating way, in order to extend forgiveness to the unfortunate human being! The initiative to forgive is unequalled!

That is exactly what has to be done by the followers of Jesus, although in a much smaller scale! It was not that brother Alut should leave his house to receive forgiveness, but it was the servant of the Lord that has to leave his house, visit brother Alut in order to convey this forgiveness. And the result was, as you have already read, really fantastic! The whole family was brought into salvation!

The noble behavior of the citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven opens up the way to salvation for other people. How extraordinary the power of forgiveness is! And if you really want to enter this Kingdom of Heaven, the one main road is to practice the instruction found in Chapter 4.

Chapter 7. FORGIVENESS: WEALTH THAT NEVER DEPLETES

Dear brothers and sisters, one of the ways to observe precisely on the question of 'extending forgiveness', in line with the term 'to give'; is that regards to forgiveness considered as a 'commodity', 'goods' that can be given away or presented as a gift to somebody. A kind of wealth that we possess. So if someone committed a wrong doing against us, then only we alone (not other people!) have the right to forgive him. To possess, then, to give, or extend " forgiveness, doesn't it mean that 'forgiveness' can be considered as a 'commodity'?

This chapter will discuss, how much of a 'commodity' of forgiveness it is that we own? Is there a limit to it? This question is also a spiritual principle that we as Christians should experience to the full. This full and total comprehension we will discuss on the basis of Luke 16:1-9 that records one of Jesus' parables that is quiet difficult to understand. Come and let us contemplate, as this parable is providing us with the command and teaching that is very valuable regarding forgiveness:

<1> And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he wasted his goods. <2> And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. <3> Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? For my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. <4> I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. <5> So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord? <6> And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. <7> Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write four-score. <8> And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. <9> And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of righteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

It seemed that many Bible readers experience some confusion to understand this one parable, to such an extent that one preacher that I observed (before I was drawn by the Lord to become His servant) condone the act of corruption, as long as its yield is used to help the poor and needy! Oh, how misleading has been the quality of Christianity of many servants of the Lord!

Praise the Lord, only by the grace of the Lord Jesus I was able to understand this parable. After having received this understanding, there was a time that I spent a few hours in a (Christian) Book Store to compare the various understandings of various commentators/exegeses on the subject of forgiveness. Not even one of them satisfied my heart, there was always something lacking in their understanding here and there.

So far, the interpretation that seemed `close' to this parable is the one that was presented that had deeply researched, how a Steward at the time of Jesus did his activities. The writer has researched a diversity of regulations regarding indebtedness at the time. However, the recommendation and teaching as to how Jesus' followers had applied this parable, remains unclear to him.

In general the interpreters agreed that what was meant by the unjust steward were the followers of Jesus. We are all sinners, who are often unjust in many ways, aren't we? And the rich man depicted Jesus Christ as The very Rich one! However, when it comes to changing the contents of the bill of indebtedness, that contain dishonesty, then the interpreters brought up various doubtful understanding about it.

We don't need to prolong the words, I will present you the following table for you to understand this parable:

THE PARABLE

Lord (Rich T :an,¹ l:1¹as:er)
Debtor to the Lord
(Commutation of his debts)
Wealth of the Lord
(Wasted)
The Steward that wasted his Lord's wealth

OUR LIVES

The Lord Jesus
Man (indebted with sin)
(Was forgiven his sins)
Forgiveness of sin
(Spent it freely)
The Lord Jesus' stewards who freely
spent forgiveness

Brothers and sisters, if you have accepted the understanding that it was indeed the Lord Jesus that was illustrated as the Rich man in that parable, then quickly you will accept that the people in debt is referred to as the sinners, that owes (sin) to the Lord Jesus!

It is clear that the people who are indebted in this parable were relieved from their respective sins. In our life experiences: the sinners were relieved from their sins (indebtedness)! So, what is actually the wealth owned by the Lord Jesus that can be used to relief people's sin? Nothing else but `forgiveness' that will be the basis of salvation, in accordance with the lesson in Chapter-1 isn't it?

Further on it will not be too difficult; who is the `Steward' that was referred to in the parable? Who `wasted' the wealth or the forgiveness that belongs to the Lord Jesus? We should actually be reminded of Jesus saying in John 20:21-23

<21> Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. <22> And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: <23> Whosoever sips ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained.

Brothers and sisters, who was given the opportunity by Jesus to waste his wealth on the above verses? Those who were send by Jesus <verse 21>! And who actually were send by Jesus? Every follower of Jesus, those Christians that have mad.- been redeemed, who are diligent in the prayer in communication with God, who request

forgiveness for other people, just as what you have read in the past cases! So, we who have been redeemed, are sent by the Lord Jesus to spend forgiveness freely to everybody, people who are in our prayers or communication with God!

Then aren't they who freely 'spent' forgiveness doing something dishonest toward the Lord Jesus? Not at all, brothers and sisters, because Jesus himself instructed his followers to just do that! That is what happens in the various cases that you have read in this booklet. All the events that were recorded in this book, haven't I spent forgiveness freely the forgiveness from the Lord Jesus' possession

Actually Jesus expects, in fact demand from his followers to spend forgiveness freely! To spend Jesus' 'wealth' that is the basis for salvation of his followers <Luke 1:76-77. Like the verses we contemplated before! What is wonderful, 'the wealth' that Jesus recommended we spend freely and it cannot deplete. Not the same as the Lord's in the parable (wheat and oil) for sure deplete with time!

Now, have you prepared yourself to also spend forgiveness freely, that wealth from Jesus, as you like? Look, Jesus in fact blamed the children of light or the children of the kingdom that were less wise than the children of this world <verse 8>, Jesus criticized them who claim to be the followers of Jesus, but were reluctant to spend that 'wealth' freely; in fact were too lazy to spend forgiveness to others! Isn't it what Jesus command in verse 9: Make to your friends...,that when ye fail, they receive you into everlasting habitations. Yes, everlasting life is obtained, based on forgiveness (Luke 1:77)

We human beings like to limit ourselves to pardon or forgive. We often say: "I ran out of patience...!", that is in fact already closing the door of forgiveness to our fellowman! Or the sentence: "I have repeatedly forgiven him, and now it is enough..." that is immediately followed by actions and curses toward that fellow human being. Not being aware that we ourselves have lost God's forgiveness, and lost our salvation!

In turn, can you observe that the work of forgiving actually does not consume energy or money or any other resources! Actually forgiveness does not involve any 'cost' whatsoever! On the other hand with suppression, this will consume cost. For you to return to hit someone that oppressed you, you will have to consume energy, right? You will have to spend some energy! Can you understand the fact that I pointed out? To claim someone's debt to you, you will also spend cost! But to relieve him from debt, you don't need extra energy! Therefore, forgiveness is indeed 'wealth' that never depletes!!

So, if you are used to forgive people that hurt you, you are actually able to compete with other people's suppression! "Come on, let us compete, who will sooner get exhausted; you the oppressor or me the forgiver!? It may happen, that each time that person put up efforts or energy or cost to suppress you, it will suffice for you to say forgiveness, without spending energy! And so on until he ran out of energy, get exhausted, and the competition you won. And not only the competition, brothers and sisters; even the same person you will have won, in fact won over, get saved!

Are you ready now to compete in a "relaxed" way like this? And win over the souls for the Lord Jesus through forgiveness? Please, spend the Lord Jesus' 'wealth' freely;

simultaneously ensure for yourself one place in the Father's house that is full of happiness. Glory be to Jesus. The Love of our Lord Jesus Christ will surely overflow on everybody that is obedient to Him, AMIN!

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