*Trespasses**

James 1:12-15 (12) **Blessed is the man that endureth temptation:** for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
(13) Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
(14) But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
(15) Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
Matthew 6:9-15 (9) After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
(10) Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
(11) Give us this day our daily bread.
(12) And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
(13) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.
(14) For if ye forgive men 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.
This is a direct correlation in receiving the blessing of forgiveness from God the Father and how one forgives another. If we pray for God's help faithfully, God will lead one away from temptations and deliver one from evil. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it (1Corinthians 10:13).
One may have to seek for that way of escape, it may not fall into ones lap. However, the way will be there, but God is not

going to force one to follow His way of escape, we all have the right of choice. God did not suffer Mr. and Mrs. Adam to be tempted above that they were able and made a way of escape, but they chose a way that failed them. A way of death! A way of trespasses, however, God will forgive you your trespasses as you forgive others their trespasses against you. We need not pray for the Kingdom to come because the Kingdom prophecy is fulfilled on earth and Christians are members. The Church of Christ that He purchased with His own blood is the Kingdom. Christ is our King, therefore by necessity of His title, a Kingdom is required and is indispensable. A Kingdom is an imperative requirement for a King, otherwise the title would be empty, vain and of no value. The Kingdom has come, God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven. The first gospel clue came at the birth of Jesus in the message of the angels; And on earth peace, good will toward men, (Luke 2:14). *That promise of peace, good will toward men is in Christ Jesus. He is the atonement for our trespasses. At death, Jesus removed the wall of opposition between God and man. There was given to Him a Kingdom and Christians are it's citizens by birth, of water and of the spirit.*

Turn with me to;

Daniel 7:13-14 (13) I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the **Son of man** came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

(14) And there was given him dominion, and glory, and **a kingdom**, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

No Kingdom has ever existed that fits into this category of all people, nations, and languages should serve Him, however no Kingdom has ever existed that so many trespasses have been directed toward it. Even spiritual war, Turn your Bibles to

to;
Revelation 19:11-16 (11) And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.
(12) His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.
(13) And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.
(14) And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
(15) And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
(16) And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**.
Jesus diminished the arrogance of their spitefulness, and in the process trashed their own argument; Now if one still believes the Kingdom is yet future, then that person does not believe Jesus nor the deliverance and translating powers of God. Do not take my word, turn your Bibles to;
Colossians 1:12-14 (12) Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
(13) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the **kingdom of his dear Son**:
(14) In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:
Is the kingdom already established? Listen to this; And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power (Mark 9:1). *If the Kingdom is yet future, there are some very old people*

living on the earth today. But the Kingdom has come, and Acts chapters one and two tell of its very presence on earth. Colossians 1:13 is absolute authority on the matter; As was stated earlier, we need not pray for the Kingdom come, but rather that we be found faithful when it is delivered up to God. I perceive that in our generation, We live in the era of the Little Book open. We live in a nation founded upon Christian fundamentals which was made possible by it. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him (Colossians 3:17). *Therefore let us thank God when we sit down to enjoy the blessings of harvests. Turn with me to;*
Ephesians 5:1-4 (1) Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
(2) And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.
(3) But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
(4) Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather **giving of thanks**.
Perhaps it may seem trivial to most, the giving of thanks in a land of plenty. But who made the seed to sprout? Who gave the rain? Who caused the bounty? God does the big part, the small part is mankinds part. V.P. Menon was a significant political figure in India during its struggle for independence from Britian after WWII. He was the eldest son of twelve children, he quit school at thirteen and worked as a laborer, coal miner, factory worker, merchant, and schoolteacher. Two characteristics stood out as particularly memorable, an impersonal efficiency, and a reputation for personal charity. Once when Menon arrived in Delhi en route to Shimla, he discovered that every rupee he carried had been stolen. Despairing, he finally approached an elderly, distinguished Sikh, explained his plight asked for a loan of 15 rupees to

cover his fare to Shimla. The Sikh gave him the money. When Menon asked for his address so that he could pay it back, the Sikh said that Menon owed the debt to any stranger who came to him in need. Six weeks before his death, his daughter recalls, a beggar came to the family home in Bangalore. Menon sent his daughter for his wallet, took out fifteen rupees, and gave it to the man. He was still repaying his debt. As I think of times I have needed help it reminds me of the spiritual gift that is beyond price and leaves me blessed and in debt. And such a debt one should gladly bear and as often as the Lord should require it of you. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise (Luke 6:31).

I am reminded of another man that I hesitate to follow his example. For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink. Turn to;

Luke 12:16-21 (16) And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:
(17) And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?
(18) And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.
(19) And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.
(20) But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?
(21) So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Had this man given thanks to God for all the blessings he had received? Perhaps he was all to consumed with his own little part in his world and did not consider the big part, God's part. He had said, "this I will do"! "I will build greater"! "I will

*bestow"! "I will say to my soul"! Perhaps he was all to consumned with **"I"**, and too little concerned with the great "**I am**". Blessings of plenty should be shared, turn to;*
James 2:15-26 (15) If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,
(16) And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?
(17) Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
(18) Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.
(19) Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
(20) But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?
(21) Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
(22) Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
(23) And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.
(24) Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.
(25) Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?
(26) For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
Does the Bible contradict itself because Rahab was a harlot and yet was justified. Do people really not understand that change can occur and be accepted by the Lord if they obey Him? Do they not understand that prostitution is not a sin unto death, that it is possible to be forgiven trespasses in this

life? There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it (1 John 5:16). *It would be inconsistent to engage in a prayer service for a brother who has gone so far in deliberate trespasses that he could not be induced to repent. Turn to;*
Romans 6:16-18 (16) Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?
(17) But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.
(18) Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.
It is imperative when asking God to forgive that one forgives trespasses against himself. All to often one may be distracted by human emotions when entering into prayer asking forgiveness. We cannot be like this fellow, turn to;
Matthew 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 begun 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 serv`ant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took [him] by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.
(29) And his fellowservant 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 fellowservants 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 desiredst me:
(33) Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?
(34) And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.
(35) So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.
The unchecked "venting of anger" does not produce the righteousness of God. Instead, it leads only to destructive, sinful behavior that negatively affects the body and soul. If one were to be a doer of the word, then the proper course of action should be scriptural, would it not? Turn with me to;
Romans 12:17-21 (17) Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.
(18) If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.
(19) Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.
(20) Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.
(21) Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.
Does not one understand that Paul is admonishing Christians. However if one is overcome of evil the consequences will be devastating and reaching even unto torment after death. However, a Christian may sin, but a Christian does have the right to ask God for forgiveness if he is sincere. And when a

Christian approaches the throne of God, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently, willing to forgive trespasses. Turn your Bible to;
1John 3:14-15 (14) We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.
(15) Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.
Love and hate are polar opposites. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; (Romans 12:10). *My brethren, opinion should not be made the test of fellowship, but in honour preferring one another should be. Turn with me to;*
James 3:4-10 (4) Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.
(5) Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!
(6) And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.
(7) For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:
(8) But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
(9) Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.
(10) Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.
How can one be kindly affectioned one to another in brotherly love, in honour preferring one another with a deadly tongue.
There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted

above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it (1Corinthians 10:13). *One may have to seek for that way of escape, it may not fall into ones lap. God did not suffer Mr. and Mrs. Adam to be tempted above that they were able and made a way of escape, but they chose the way that failed them. A way of death! If you forgive others their trespasses, God will forgive you your trespasses even if they still have ill will toward you. If you resist the temptation to speak evil of others, God will deliver you. If not, sin waits at the door. And sin when it is finished bringeth forth death! One must remember what Jesus said;* Father forgive them, for they know not what they do. *This said Jesus while He was on the cross in our place for trespasses of our own making, of our own choice.*

God is all powerful and He could have chosen any method of salvation that pleased Him. Having therefore chosen this method of redemption in His Son, a person can be obedient to that divine doctrine and be accepted, or reject it and be lost in eternal damnation.

Because of the peerless value of the death of His Son, God is offering to everyone the blessings of salvation through His free gift of grace by obedient faith in His Son; only those who believe the testimony of God, and by faith repent of their sins, and by faith confess, I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and by faith are baptized for remission of sins, have the full and explicit testimony of pardon. This is the gospel, and it's invitation is open for you. If there is a need for prayer for other reasons, in either case come while we gently persuade with song.

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