

Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came up and said to him,
“Lord, how often will my brother sin against me,
and I forgive him?
As many as seven times?”

Jesus said to him,
“I do not say to you seven times,
but seventy times seven.”

Amos 1:3

Thus says the LORD:

“For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four,
I will not revoke the punishment,
because they have threshed Gilead
with threshing sledges of iron.”

Amos 2:1

Thus says the LORD:

“For three transgressions of Moab, and for four,
I will not revoke the punishment,
because he burned to lime
the bones of the king of Edom.”

Matthew 18:23-25

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.

When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

“And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.”

Matthew 18:26-27

“So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him,
‘Have patience with me,
and I will pay you everything.’

And out of pity for him,
the master of that servant released him
and forgave him the debt.

Matthew 18:28-30

“But when that same servant went out,
he found one of his fellow servants
who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him,
he began to choke him, saying,
‘Pay what you owe.’

So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him,
‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’
He refused and went and put him in prison
until he should pay the debt.

Matthew 18:31-34

“When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.

“Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’

“And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.”

Matthew 18:35

“So also my heavenly Father
will do to every one of you,
if you do not forgive your brother
from your heart.”

Genesis 32:20

For he thought, “I will pacify him with these gifts I am sending on ahead; later, when I see him, perhaps he will receive me.”

Literally:

“I may cover his face with the offering going before my face, and afterward I shall see his face. Perhaps he will lift my face.”

Genesis 32:20; 33:10-11

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accept this gift from me.

For to see your face
is like seeing the face of God,
now that you have received me favorably.”

Genesis 32:30

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying,
“It is because I saw God face to face,
and yet my life was spared.”

Exodus 3:6

Then he said, “I am the God of your father,
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac
and the God of Jacob.”

At this, Moses hid his face,
because he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 33:18-20

Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

And the LORD said,

“I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you,
and I will proclaim my name, the LORD,
in your presence *[face]*.

I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy,
and I will have compassion
on whom I will have compassion.

But,” he said, “you cannot see my face,
for no one may see me and live.”

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said,
“Let light shine out of darkness,”
made his light shine in our hearts
to give us the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

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Psalm 24:3-6

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?

Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to an idol
or swear by what is false.

He will receive blessing from the LORD
and vindication from God his Savior.

Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Genesis 33:1, 3-4

Jacob looked up and there was Esau,
coming with his four hundred men...

He himself went on ahead
and bowed down to the ground seven times
as he approached his brother.

But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him;
he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him.
And they wept.

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Ecclesiasticus 19:13-17

If you hear that a friend has done something wrong,
ask him about it. Maybe it isn't true.
If it is true, he won't do it again.

If you hear that a neighbor has said
something he shouldn't, ask him about it.
Maybe he didn't say it.
If he did, he won't say it again.

If you hear something bad about a friend,
ask him about it. It might be a lie.

Ecclesiasticus 19:13-17

Don't believe everything you hear.

A person may say something carelessly
and not really mean it.

Everyone has sinned in this way
at one time or another.

If you hear something that makes you angry
with your neighbor, ask him about it
before you threaten him.

Leave the matter to the Law of the Most High.

Proverbs 19:11

Good sense makes one slow to anger,
and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

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“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

“But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.”

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