

# Verses about Forgiveness

## Old Testament: Part One

**Genesis 50:17** *'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.*

**Exodus 10:17** *Now forgive my sin once more and pray to the Lord your God to take this deadly plague away from me."*

- **23: 21** *Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him.*
- **32:32** *But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written."*
- **34:9** *"Lord," he said, "if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance."*

**Leviticus 4:20** *and do with this bull just as he did with the bull for the sin offering. In this way the priest will make atonement for the community, and they will be forgiven.*

- **4:26** *He shall burn all the fat on the altar as he burned the fat of the fellowship offering. In this way the priest will make atonement for the leader's sin, and he will be forgiven.*
- **4:31** *They shall remove all the fat, just as the fat is removed from the fellowship offering, and the priest shall burn it on the altar as an aroma pleasing to the Lord. In this way the priest will make atonement for them, and they will be forgiven.*
- **4:35** *They shall remove all the fat, just as the fat is removed from the lamb of the fellowship offering, and the priest shall burn it on the altar on top of the food offerings presented to the Lord. In this way the priest will make atonement for them for the sin they have committed, and they will be forgiven.*
- **5:10** *They shall remove all the fat, just as the fat is removed from the lamb of the fellowship offering, and the priest shall burn it on the altar on top of the food offerings presented to the Lord. In this way the priest will make atonement for them for the sin they have committed, and they will be forgiven.*
- **5:13** *They shall remove all the fat, just as the fat is removed from the lamb of the fellowship offering, and the priest shall burn it on the altar on top of the food offerings presented to the Lord. In this way the priest will make atonement for them for the sin they have committed, and they will be forgiven.*
- **5:16** *They must make restitution for what they have failed to do in regard to the holy things, pay an additional penalty of a fifth of its value and give it all to the priest. The priest will make atonement for them with the ram as a guilt offering, and they will be forgiven.*
- **5:18** *They are to bring to the priest as a guilt offering a ram from the flock, one without defect and of the proper value. In this way the priest will make atonement for them for the wrong they have committed unintentionally, and they will be forgiven.*
- **6:7** *In this way the priest will make atonement for them before the Lord, and they will be forgiven for any of the things they did that made them guilty."*
- **19:22** *With the ram of the guilt offering the priest is to make atonement for him before the Lord for the sin he has committed, and his sin will be forgiven.*

**Numbers 14:19** *In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them from the time they left Egypt until now."*

- **14:20** *The Lord replied, "I have forgiven them, as you asked.*
- **15:25** *The priest is to make atonement for the whole Israelite community, and they will be forgiven, for it was not intentional and they have presented to the Lord for their wrong a food offering and a sin offering.*
- **15:26** *The whole Israelite community and the foreigners residing among them will be forgiven, because all the people were involved in the unintentional wrong.*
- **15:28** *The priest is to make atonement before the Lord for the one who erred by sinning unintentionally, and when atonement has been made, that person will be forgiven.*

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## Old Testament: Part Two

**Deuteronomy 29:20** *The Lord will never be willing to forgive them; his wrath and zeal will burn against them. All the curses written in this book will fall on them, and the Lord will blot out their names from under heaven.*

**Joshua 24:19** *Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins."*

**1 Samuel 15:25** *Now I beg you, forgive my sin and come back with me, so that I may worship the Lord."*

- **25:28** *"Please forgive your servant's presumption. The Lord your God will certainly make a lasting dynasty for my lord, because you fight the Lord's battles, and no wrongdoing will be found in you as long as you live."*

**1 Kings 8:30** *Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.*

- **8:34** *then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel and bring them back to the land you gave to their ancestors.*
- **8:36** *then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel. Teach them the right way to live, and send rain on the land you gave your people for an inheritance.*
- **8:39** *then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Forgive and act; deal with everyone according to all they do, since you know their hearts (for you alone know every human heart)*
- **8:50** *And forgive your people, who have sinned against you; forgive all the offenses they have committed against you, and cause their captors to show them mercy;*

**2 Kings 5:18** *But may the Lord forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the Lord forgive your servant for this."*

- **24:4** *including the shedding of innocent blood. For he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the Lord was not willing to forgive.*

**2 Chronicles 6:21** *Hear the supplications of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive.*

- **6:25** *then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel and bring them back to the land you gave to them and their ancestors.*
- **6:27** *then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel. Teach them the right way to live, and send rain on the land you gave your people for an inheritance.*
- **6:30** *then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Forgive, and deal with everyone according to all they do, since you know their hearts (for you alone know the human heart)*
- **6:39** *then from heaven, your dwelling place, hear their prayer and their pleas, and uphold their cause. And forgive your people, who have sinned against you.*
- **7:14** *if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

**Job 7:21** *"Why do you not pardon my offenses and forgive my sins? For I will soon lie down in the dust; you will search for me, but I will be no more."*

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## The Old Testament: Part Three

### The book of Psalm:

**Psalm 19:12** *But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.*

- **25:11** *For the sake of your name, Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.*
- **32:1** *Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.*
- **32:2** *Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.*
- **32:5** *Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.*
- **51:1-2** *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.*
- **79:9** *Help us, God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.*
- **103:3-4** *who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.*

**Isaiah 1:18** *"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.*

- **2:9** *So people will be brought low and everyone humbled— do not forgive them.*
- **33:24** *No one living in Zion will say, "I am ill"; and the sins of those who dwell there will be forgiven.*
- **43:25** *"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.*
- **55:7** *Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.*

**Jeremiah 5:1** *"Go up and down the streets of Jerusalem, look around and consider, search through her squares. If you can find but one person who deals honestly and seeks the truth, I will forgive this city.*

- **5:7** *"Why should I forgive you? Your children have forsaken me and sworn by gods that are not gods. I supplied all their needs, yet they committed adultery and thronged to the houses of prostitutes.*
- **18:23** *But you, Lord, know all their plots to kill me. Do not forgive their crimes or blot out their sins from your sight. Let them be overthrown before you; deal with them in the time of your anger.*
- **31:34** *No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."*
- **33:8** *I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me.*
- **36:3** *"Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about every disaster I plan to inflict on them, they will each turn from their wicked ways; then I will forgive their wickedness and their sin."*
- **50:20** *"In those days, at that time," declares the Lord, "search will be made for Israel's guilt, but there will be none, and for the sins of Judah, but none will be found, for I will forgive the remnant I spare."*

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## Old Testament: Part Four & Takeaway

**Lamentations 3:42** *“We have sinned and rebelled and you have not forgiven.”*

**Daniel 9:19** *Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”*

**Hosea 1:6** *Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the Lord said to Hosea, “Call her Lo-Ruhamah (which means “not loved”), for I will no longer show love to Israel, that I should at all forgive them.*

- **14:2** *Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to him: “Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.*

**Amos 7:2** *When they had stripped the land clean, I cried out, “Sovereign Lord, forgive! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!”*

**Micah 7:18** *Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.*

### **Takeaway:**

Note in the Old Testament, we are first introduced to a process in forgiveness, that often there was a sacrifice required to make atonement for the offense. Yet we still see God, pleading with people to turn their hearts towards Him, towards kindness to others, we see a God, a Father, begging His children to stop participating with the evil around them and truly repent, seek forgiveness, or be ready to face the consequences. Just like modern times, if we commit a crime, we pay a price, whether spiritually or legally. And most of us don't realize that sin itself is a legal action, we commit an offense that allows the enemy to gain ground and stand in condemnation against us in the court of Heaven. Yes, we are on trial most all time in a war we can not see but are a part of every day. And much like our court here on earth, there are crimes we either knowingly or un-knowingly act on each day.

Throughout the Bible we see a familiar theme: People act up, God asks them to stop, they refuse, punishment ensues, people get angry at God for doing what He warned them would happen. But is it really God punishing us or is it a Father correcting His children? If your own father or mother said “Hey, don't touch that stove, you will get burned.” and you keep reaching for it, are you mad at your own father or mother when the hot stove does what a hot stove does and you get burned? No, that would be silly. You might feel embarrassed, maybe ashamed, but to get angry at your father, mother, or even the stove itself doesn't fix the burn. The burn happens when you restrain yourself and keep reaching.

Often people refer to the God of the Old Testament as a scary or outdated one, but that is simply untrue. The laws were made to help people navigate health, court rulings, property, work rules, many structures that were not in place at the time it was written. God says He is the same today, yesterday, and forever and if we stop and examine the things He's asking, what we see is a Father concerned for children who seem to not appreciate the direction He's giving, often falling victim to war and famine as a result. Forgiveness is not only a gift, but a reset for us to remember to not keep touching the hot stove of sin.

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## New Testament: Part One

**Matthew 6:12** *And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

- **6:14** *For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*
- **6:15** *But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*
- **9:2** *Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."*
- **9:5** *Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?*
- **9:6** *But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and go home."*
- **12:31** *And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.*
- **12:32** *Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.*
- **18:21-22** *Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.*
- **18:35** *"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."*
- **26:28** *This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

**Mark 1:4** *And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*

- **2:5** *When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."*
- **2:7** *"Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"*
- **2:9-10** *Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."*
- **3:28-29** *Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."*
- **4:12** *so that, "they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!"*
- **11:25** *And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."*

**Luke 1:76-77** *And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins*

- **3:3** *He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*
- **5:20-21** *When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"*
- **5:23-24** *Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."*
- **6:37** *"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*
- **6:42-43** *Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.*
- **7:47-48** *Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little, loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."*
- **11:4** *Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation."*

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## New Testament: Part Two

**Luke 12:10** *And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.*

- **17:3-4** *So watch yourselves. "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."*
- **23:34** *Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.*
- **24:46-47** *He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

**John 20:23** *If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."*

**Acts 2:38** *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

- **5:31** *God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.*
- **8:22** *Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart.*
- **10:43** *All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*
- **13:38** *"Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.*
- **26:17-18** *I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'*

**Romans 4:7** *"Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.*

**2 Corinthians 2:5-7** *If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.*

- **12:13** *Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake,*

**Ephesians 1:7** *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace*

**Colossians 1:13-14** *For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

- **3:13** *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

**Hebrews 8:12** *For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."*

- **9:22** *In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.*
- **10:18** *And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.*

**James 5:15** *And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.*

**1 John 1:9** *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

- **2:12** *I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.*

