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GOD'S MERCY FROM BELIEVERS (01)

Our current studies of God's Mercy have come from our study of (1 Tim.1:12-17/ 1:13, 16). Because Paul made God's Mercy an important doctrine for the Churches of Ephesus and Crete in the Pastoral Epistles, we have stopped and taught several lessons on God's Mercy.

**Previously we studied God's Mercy to the spiritually advancing Church Age Believer (CAB).
Now we will study God's Mercy FROM the spiritually mature believer TO others.**

We will begin by examining this doctrinal principle from the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant in our lesson text (Matt.18:21) (Kingdom of heaven).

We can examine this long passage in three parts of the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Matt.18:21-35).

- (Matt.18:21) two questions regarding forgiveness of offense (debt) (Luke 17:4; Amos 1:3; 2:6)
- (Matt.18:22) the answer:
- (Matt.18:23-35) the parable of two debtors
 - 1st debtor: (Matt.18:23-27) (Deut.15:17-18)
 - 2nd debtor: (Matt.18:28-35) (Rom.9:30-33)

(Matt.18:27 and 33) connect compassion and mercy to the application of forgiveness (Luke 6:36).

(Matt.18:27) "And the lord of that slave **felt compassion** (spla^gchnizomai/ a.p.ptc.nsm) and released him and forgave him the debt."

(Matt.18:32-33) "Then summoning him, his lord said, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded (parakaleo/ a.a.ind. 2ps) with me. Should you not also have **mercy** (eleeo/ a.a.infin) on your fellow slave, even as I had mercy (eleeo/ a.a.ind.1ps) on you?' [Note rhetorical question/ YES]"

Note the contrast between the first and second debt:

- (Matt.18:26-27) (first debt)
- (Matt.18:29-30) (second debt)

(Matt.18:27) "And the lord of the slave **felt compassion** (spla^gchnizomai/ a.p.ptc.nsm) [tender mercies; affections] and released him and forgave him the debt." [Offense] (Matt.18:21; Col.3:12)