



# FORGIVENESS

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# TENDENCY: minimize my sin magnify another's

MATTHEW 7:2-5

<sup>2</sup> For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. <sup>3</sup> And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

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# The **Crimson** Worm

Psalm 22:6, “But I am a **worm**, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people.”

“that we might live through Him”  
(1 John 4:9 | John 6:57)



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- Without strength, ungodly, sinners, enemies (Rom. 5:6-10)
- Aliens, without hope, without God, in the world (Eph. 2:12)
- “And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled” (Col. 2:21)

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# Seeing Our Sins AS GOD DOES



- **The Barrier To Forgiveness (being forgiven and forgiving others):**
  - **NOT SEEING** our sins as God does!
  - **THINKING:** “I was not that bad prior to my conversion.”

“Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.”

(Lk. 7:47)

# Which Way to Forgiveness?



**6** With what shall I come before the LORD, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old? **7** Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? **8** ...And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

**(Micah 6:6-8)**

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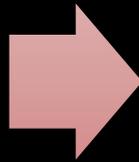
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# Psalm 130:3, 4

3 If You, LORD,  
should mark  
iniquities, O Lord,  
who could stand?



4 But there is  
forgiveness with  
You, That You  
may be feared.