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*“And forgive us  
our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us”  
Matthew 6:12*

## **I. Petition #4 – Part A - Personal Relationship with God**

- A. “Forgive us our trespasses” (against God)
- B. “Forgive” = aphiemi = To cast away – to forget – to disregard
- C. “Trespass” = ophelēma = something owed to another
- D. Sin creates a debt of obligation that must be fulfilled to restore fellowship
- E. Sources of sin – a desire to please someone other than God
  - 1. The World – Compromising God’s will to accommodate worldly fulfillment
  - 2. The Flesh - Personal pleasure leads you to do things that dose not please God
  - 3. The Devil - An active evil force that to denies, destroys, and deceives
- F. “Conviction” leads to “Godly sorrow” which leads to “repentance” (I Cor. 7;8-10; Gal.5:16)
- G. The Father wants to forgive! (Psa. 103:12; I John 1:9; Mic. 7:18,19; Rom. 5:8)

## **II. Petition #4 – Part B – Personal Relationship with others**

- A. “As we forgive those who trespass against us” (against others)
- B. God expects us to forgive others (Mk. 11:25; Lk. 6:37; Col. 3:13; Eph. 4:32; Matt. 18:21-22)
- C. The wall of unforgiveness (Matt. 6:14-15)
- D. The three principles of unforgiveness:
  - 1. The hostage principle – we are a hostage to the person we refuse to forgive
  - 2. The destruction principle – We destroy ourselves more than the other person
  - 3. The process principle – True forgiveness is a process not an event

## **III. Practical Applications**

- A. Keep short lists with God and others
- B. Admit our own sins as we forgive the sins of others
- C. Peace is not possible without peace with God