

Help, **God Does** Not Answer My Prayers!



Unconfessed sin:

... though they will cry to Me, yet I will not listen to them.

- Jer. 11:11

Righteous man:

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

- James 5:16



God Ignores Our Pray When . . .

- 1. We do not ask in faith . . . James 1:5-6
- 2. We are self-centered . . . James 4:3
- 3. We ignore God's will . . . 1 John 5:14-15
- 4. We ignore our sin . . . Psalm 66:18

If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear . . .

Psalm 66:18

The Lord is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29 ... your sins have withheld good from you.

Jeremiah 5:25

Then they will cry out to the Lord, But He will not answer them. Instead, He will hide His face from them at that time because they have practiced evil deeds.

Micah 3:4

We miss blessings . . .

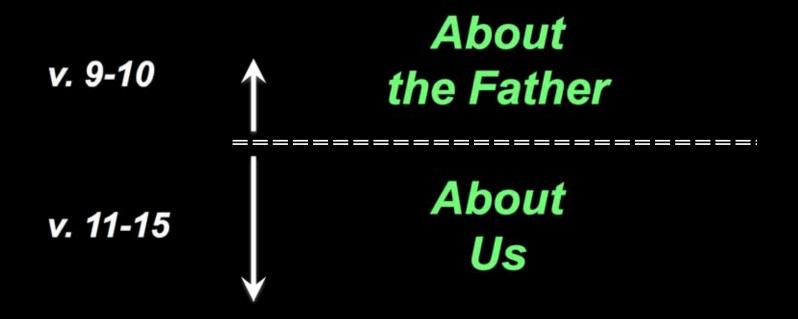
As a result of our sins!

There is one sin we often miss:

Forgiveness of others!

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-15



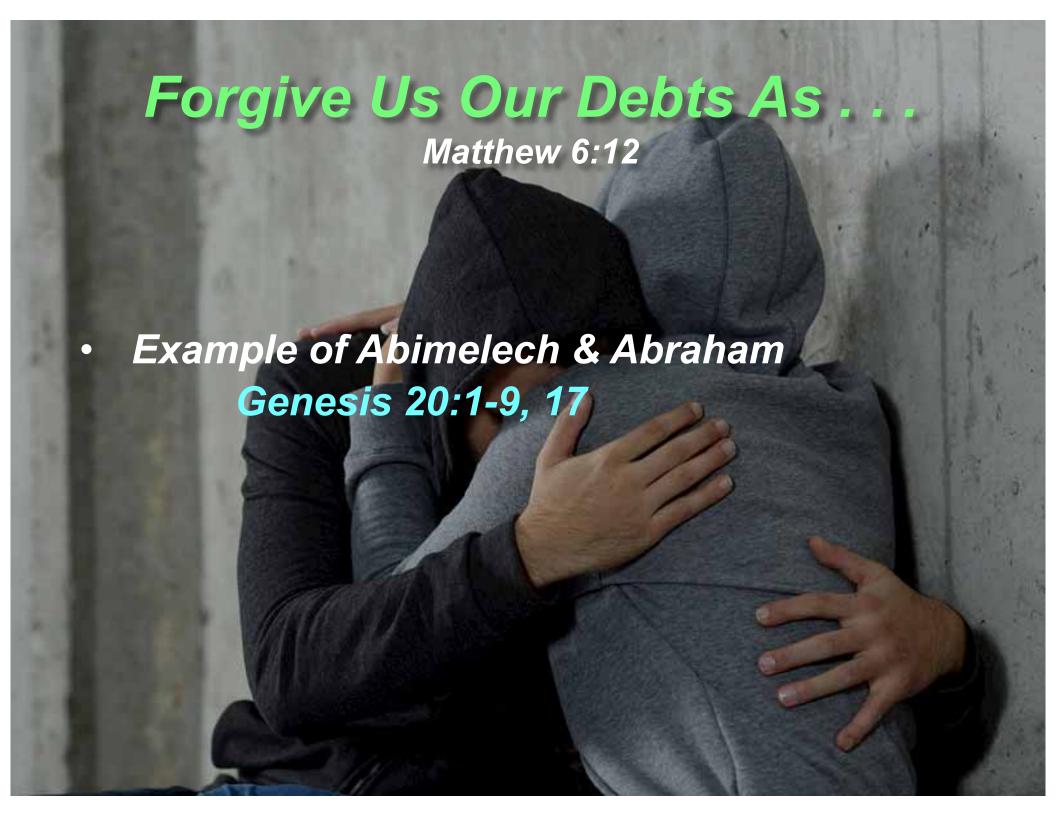
Give Us Our Daily Bread

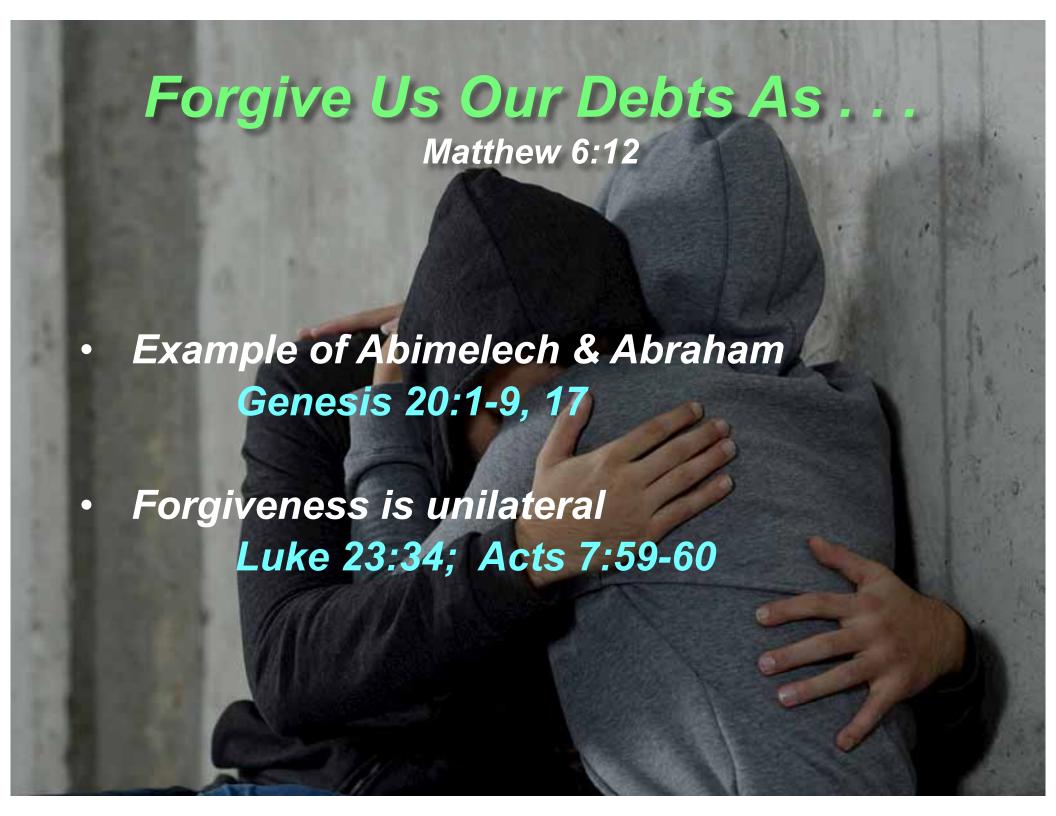
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 God is our Jehovah Jireh Acts 14:17

 God is Shepherd Psalm 23:1-3

God is knows everything that we need Matthew 6:25-33





Forgive Us Our Debts As . . .

Matthew 6:12

Example of Abimelech & Abraham
 Genesis 20:1-9, 17

 Forgiveness is unilateral Luke 23:34; Acts 7:59-60

 Forgiveness is unconditional Matthew 18:21-35

Forgive Us Our Debts As . . . Matthew 6:12

 God won't forgive if we do not forgive Matthew 6:14-15

• That is, He will not hear our prayers do to our sin . . .

Psalm 66:18; etc.

Lead Us Not Into Temptation. . .

Matthew 6:13

God does not tempt us to sin . . .
 James 1:13-15

- God does test us & allow us to tested . . .
 James 1:2-3; John 6:6-7; Gen. 22:1-2
- But God does not test us to sin but Satan does!

Why Jesus devote so much of the prayer to forgiveness?

Eph. 4:30-32 Psalm 66:18

Message . . .

- Jesus cares:
 - About the Father
 - About us
- Jesus wants us to be blessed