

Reasons why so many fail to walk in true holiness.

~Other Speakers S-Z: Victory Over Sin:

1. The promises are not automatic.

They just do not happen. You must use faith and actually receive them. Just as a sinner must take hold of Jesus Christ for the promise of salvation, a believer must also take hold a promise designed for him. A person must be bold, full of courage, steadfast and actively use faith to take by force many of the promises. You will never experience the promises if you are passive and do not aggressively pursue the promises. Many times the promise must be walked in by faith for a period of time before actually having the manifestation of the promise.

God promised and gave the promised land to the Israelites but they still had to conquer cities, kill giants, and seize the land by force. Even though God gave it to them, it did not really belong to them until they seized it by force and stood on it. They only took it as they stepped on it. Many failed to enter the land and others who entered still never enjoyed all that God had given them. God has given you all His promises but they do not really belong to you until you take them and seize them by force. It is up to you to take what God has already made available to you.

Matt. 11:12 "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."

Joshua 1:3 "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses."

2. Many have no expectation that they will ever be free from sin.

They think that they must continue sinning in thought, word and deed every day until they die. Many people think that living in sin is normal. They seem to accept it as a fact of life. No only do they accept it but they actually expect to never be free from the bondage of sin. While they expect so little as they usually do, no wonder they get so little. According to their faith, and not much beyond it, can they ever expect to receive. They do not see Jesus as their Savior from sin. They never will be set free from the domain of sin unless they actually realize that Christ died to set them free from all sin.

One of the biggest reasons why so many people fail to be truly holy as the word commands is because of low expectation. When people do not really expect to be holy in this life. Many people think that living in sin is normal. They seem to accept it as a fact of life. No only do they accept it but they actually expect to never be free from the bondage of sin. While they expect so little as they usually do, no wonder they get so little. According to their faith, and not ever very much beyond it, need they expect to receive. They do not see Jesus as their Savior from sin. They never will be set free from the domain of sin unless they actually realize that Christ died to set them free from all sin.

3. Many have embraced a false gospel.

A gospel that says you can be forgiven from sin and free from the penalty of sin without holiness of heart. They believe that they are heaven bound and feel completely safe in their corrupted sinful condition. This is a LETHAL and DEADLY doctrine. These people have never actually received any of the saving benefits of salvation. If you are one of these people please know that it is IMPOSSIBLE to be saved and to remain in your corrupted sinful condition. God has provided the only solution to your sinful condition. This FREE gift is in the person of Christ. When you believe God's word you will and receive Christ, you will be made holy and your old sinful nature will be crucified with Christ. The true gospel when received actually changes the sinful heart in to a holy heart. Holiness is not optional in salvation. It is a necessary part of salvation. WITHOUT HOLINESS SALVATION IS IMPOSSIBLE.

4. Many sinners think that they are holy.

Many people who have never been born again think that God sees them as Holy because of the blood that Christ shed on the cross. The people who believe this, claim that Christ righteousness is imputed to the sinner. This means that God sees them legally holy in spite of the fact of his corrupted sinful nature. They teach that God can not see their sin because He sees the blood of Christ.

The grace of God is not intended to cover up sin but it is designed to free you from it. Christ's righteousness only becomes ours when we receive Him. When a person is born again, Christ actually comes and lives within him. Christ IMPARTS righteousness to the believer. The Christian actually walks, lives and experiences Christ's righteousness as He dwells in him. You are COMPLETELY DECEIVED if you think that God sees you holy, when the truth is you have never really been born again. Without being born again you still are a rebel and a criminal living in your corrupted sinful condition.

5. Many people think they are Christians already.

They think that they are Christians because they know and believe the facts of the gospel. A person can really know and believe these gospel facts without receiving any godly results or benefits at all. Even the devils believe and know these facts.

James 2:19 "If you believe that there is one God; you do well: the devils also believe, and tremble."

These people claim to truly believe but their lives prove other wise. Many are deceived.

Ezekiel 33:31 "And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goes after their covetousness."

Isa. 29:13 "Wherefore the Lord said, forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of man."

James 1:22-25 "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholds himself, and goes his way, and straightway forgets what manner of man he was. But whoso looks into the perfect law of liberty, and continues therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

I John 3:2-8 "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that has this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abides in him sins not: whosoever sins has not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that does righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

True faith must believe to such a degree that it actually receives what God offers by taking the necessary action. True obedience must spring forth from faith. Each person must take God at His Word. The problem is, many people think they believe God's word but their experience proves otherwise. True faith always will prove itself in true works.

Hebrews 3:10-4:11 "Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end; While it is said, To day if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it

remains that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limits a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, Today if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also has ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."

God makes it clear in this passage they could not receive what He had for them because of their unbelief.

Faith must be exercised NOW! God's free offer must be taken at ONCE! He is always is ready to help us. We never have to wait for Him, He is always waiting for us. God's solution is available RIGHT NOW, not sometime in the future. STOP waiting for Him. Do not be deceived, if you are in unbelief then it is truly YOUR FAULT ALONE. You can believe NOW, AT THIS VERY PRESENT MOMENT and if you do not, it is not God's or the Holy Spirit's fault, it is you own!! You are always able to place your confidence in Him regardless of any condition or sin that you may be experiencing. You must have some idea of your crime of sin, the nature and character of God, His free solution to the problem and that it really applies to you. True faith will instantly sanctify your heart.

The elements of faith are:

- A. An intellectual perception of the truth. You must some idea of God's truth.
- B. You must realize your true need.
- C. You must realize that God's offer truly applies to you and that you MUST take it NOW!!!
- D. A trust or confidence of the heart that yields all voluntary powers up to the control of God.

6. Many think that they need more instruction or more conviction before getting saved.

All God asks you to is believe on Him. You must act on the light and the measure of faith and grace that you NOW have. You must respond now to all the light you have. You do not need more knowledge, more instruction nor more truth. You need to respond now to what you already know. If refuse to believe by not responding by faith, you will fail and end up hardening your own heart.

7. Many live by self-confidence and self-reliance.

Self-confidence and self-reliance, are works of the flesh. It is impossible for the flesh to lean upon God. It is too impatient to tolerate any delay. So long as it thinks itself strong it will never depend upon God. Even in a time of desperation the flesh continues to scheme and to search for a way out. It never has the sense of utter dependency. This alone can be a test whereby a believer may know whether or not a work is of the flesh. Whatever does not issue from waiting upon God, from depending upon the Holy Spirit, is unquestionably of the flesh. Whatever one decides according to his pleasure in lieu of seeking the will of God emanates from the flesh. Whenever a heart of utter trust is lacking, there is the labor of the flesh. Now the things done may not be evil or improper; they in fact may be good and godly (such as reading the Bible, praying, worshiping, preaching); but if they are not undertaken in a spirit of complete reliance upon the Holy Spirit, then the flesh is the source of all. The old creation is willing to do anything-even to submit to God - if only it is permitted to live and to be active! However good the deed of the flesh may appear to be, "I", whether veiled or seen, always looms large on the horizon. The flesh never acknowledges its weakness nor admits to its uselessness; even should it become a laughingstock, the flesh remains unshaken in the belief in its ability. Many who have heard of the gospel live on their abilities, resolutions, choices, will power, and not on Christ Himself. They might not be aware of this fact; but if they ever come to depend on Christ, they will see that they have been trying to brace themselves up on the strength of their own resolutions. On the other hand many depend on faith without any work. Theirs is a puny, sickly faith, empty of energy or activity. Now both these classes are utterly mistaken; both those who depend on resolutions without faith, and those who trust in faith without works. Both equally miss the very thing which the gospel requires, and which alone can ensure success, that is, resolving and executing in the promised strength of Jesus Christ.

"Having begun with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh?" This uncovers a great truth. One may begin well, in the Spirit, but not continue well therein. Our experience bears out the fact of the relative ease with which a thing may begin in the Spirit but end up in the flesh. Often a newly apprehended truth is imparted by the Holy Spirit; after awhile, however, this truth has turned into a boasting of the flesh. The Jews in the early days committed just such an error. How frequently in the matters of obeying the Lord, of denying one's self afresh, of receiving power to save souls, one genuinely may rely upon the Holy Spirit at the outset; yet not long afterwards that same person changes God's grace into his own glory, treating what is of God as his

possession. The same principle holds true in our conduct. Through the working of the Holy Spirit at the beginning there occurs a mighty transformation in one's life whereby he loves what he previously hated and hates what he loved before. Gradually, though, "self" begins to creep in unawares. The person increasingly interprets these changes to be of his making and unto his own admiration; or he grows careless and gradually pushes on by self-trust rather than by dependence upon the Holy Spirit. Thousands of matters there are in the experiences of believers which begin well in the Spirit but terminate unfortunately in the flesh.

Why is it that many of God's children eagerly seek a wholly consecrated walk and earnestly desire the more abundant life but nevertheless fail? Often when listening to messages, conversing with people, reading spiritual books, or praying privately, the Lord makes known to them how perfectly possible it is to have a life of fullness in the Lord. They are made to sense the simplicity and sweetness of such a life and they see no obstacle in the way to their securing it. Indeed they experience a blessing with power and glory which they have never before known. Oh, how good it is! But alas, how soon it all vanishes. Why? How? Is it because their faith is imperfect? Or their consecration not absolute? Surely their faith and consecration have been utter towards the Lord. Then why such a failure? What is the, reason for losing the experience and how can it be restored? The answer is simple and definite. They are trusting in the flesh and trying to make perfect by the flesh what was begun in the Spirit. They are substituting self for the Spirit. Self desires to lead the way while hoping that the Holy Spirit will come alongside and assist. The position and work of the Spirit have been replaced by that of the flesh. Absent is that complete reliance upon the Spirit's leading for accomplishment. Absent also is a necessary waiting upon the Lord. Attempting to follow Him without denying the self is the root of all failures.

Should a believer be so self-confident that he dares to complete the task of the Holy Spirit in the energy of the flesh, he will not come into full spiritual maturity. He will instead drift until the sins he previously had overcome return to him again in power. These people failed because they sought to establish their own righteousness by works and to tried to make themselves perfect by the flesh. It is IMPOSSIBLE for the flesh to complete the work which the Holy Spirit had begun. The greatest blunder Christians commit upon experiencing victory over sin lies in not using the way of victory to sustain it; instead they try to keep the victory by their works and determination. They may perhaps succeed for a while but before long they shall find themselves sliding back into their former sins. They then either slump into despair by concluding that constant and persistent triumph is impossible to achieve or they try to hide their sins without honestly confessing that they have sinned. Now what is it that causes such failure? Just as the flesh gives you strength to do righteously so it also gives you the power to sin. Whether good acts or evil, all are but the expressions of the same flesh. If the flesh is not furnished opportunity to sin, it is willing to do good; and if once the opportunity to perform good is provided, the flesh will soon revert to sin.

Through ignorance of this truth, many fall. They have attempted to perfect themselves by the flesh what had been begun by the Holy Spirit, for they desired "to make a good showing in the flesh" in order that "they might glory in (their) flesh"(6:12,13). Naturally their successes were very scanty in performing good by the flesh, while their failures in overcoming evil became quite numerous. Little did they realize that as long as they would serve God with their own strength and ideas they doubtlessly would serve sin in the flesh. If they did not forbid the flesh to do good they could not prevent it from doing evil. The best way to keep from sinning is not to do any good by one's self. Being unconscious of the utter corruption of the flesh, many believers in their foolishness wished to make use of it, not recognizing that the same corruption marked the flesh in boasting of doing good as in following lust. They could not do what God wanted them to do because on the one hand they tried to accomplish what the Holy Spirit had begun and on the other they vainly attempted to rid themselves of the passion and lust of the flesh.

8. There are some who do not care to be saved from their sins.

This is not the kind of salvation which they would have. If they could be saved in their sins, they would like that full well. But they have no desire to be saved from their sins. They would gladly avoid the punishment if they could. The presence of sin and its daily practice is no source of grief or trouble to them. Some of them have a sort of desire, but yet are not willing to be saved from sin. They have seen some of the bad effects of sin and wish to be saved from it. Many sinners mistake their desires, for a willingness; but they are not really willing. They often think that they are willing, but if you push them you will find they are not. They will draw back and will not go straight forward in the gospel path of faith in Christ Jesus and of renounce their sin.

9. Many try to repent before they have faith.

Many think it necessary to repent before they believe on Christ for their salvation, because repentance is absolutely necessary to salvation. If we would turn to God in the right way, we must first come to Christ by

faith. Faith must go before repentance, as the great instrument afforded us by the grace of God for the effectual performance of it. Regeneration is also necessary to salvation and, therefore, many would find it wrought in themselves before they trust on Christ for their salvation. Consider what regeneration is, it is a new birthing or creating us in Christ, in whom we are partakers of a divine nature. Now faith is the uniting grace by which Christ dwells in us, and we in Him, and therefore it is the first grace wrought in our regeneration, and the means of all the rest: when you truly believe, you are regenerated, and not till then (John 1:12,13).

Faith is the base for all obedience. There can be no giving up sin or repentance or any acceptable obedience without first exercising faith. Nothing can be done before or without faith but the works of the law that flow out of pure selfishness. The sinner's only real duty then is faith.

Heb. 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that comes to God must believe he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Romans 14:23b "For whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

All holy acts proceed from faith. There is no repentance, justification or salvation without faith. Repentance, submission and love all depend on the exercise of faith. Every Christian grace depends on faith as its foundation. Faith is the fountain from which all true obedience and holiness flow.

True faith naturally produces all other inward grace and outward good works as any cause produces its effects. Without true faith that receives Christ, one remains a total enemy of God. Without confidence in the character and requirements of God it is impossible for a person to do any holy act.

Believing is repenting. You cannot repent before believing. True repentance is turning away from the sin of unbelief to believing God. You have repented when you take God at his word and believe it so much you act on it. Any person who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:14-18 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believes on him is not condemned: but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

John 3:36 "He that believes on the Son has everlasting life: and he that believes not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 5:24 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears my word, and believes on Him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 20:31 "But these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through his name."

Rom. 3:22a "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:"

Rom. 10:9 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

1 Cor. 1:21 "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

Gal. 3:22 "But the scripture has concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."

1 John 5:13 "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God."

Repentance is a gift of God. When you believe God and act on it will be granted you. Repentance comes as the RESULT of believing, it can exist before it.

Acts 5:29-32 "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you slew and hanged on a tree. Him has God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God has given to them that obey him."

Acts 11:18 "When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then has God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life."

10. Lies and evil reports of leaders.

We get discouraged by lies and distortions made by leaders and others in the church. Remember when twelve spies went to check the land and ten returned with a negative report that filled the hearers with unbelief and discouragement?

Numbers 13:30-33 "And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eats up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight."

Their sin was, they believed the evil report rather than God's word. Now you have this choice to believe God's word to be free from your corrupted sinful condition or believe an evil report that sin is much too powerful for you to ever overcome or conquer. Do you see yourself as a grasshopper when you see the giant of sin? Or do you see God's word that tells you, that you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you?

Have you refused to believe God because you have believed a lie from some preacher or minister? How many of you are now in the sin of unbelief because you were told this lie, that it is impossible to live without sin and be totally holy like God demands? Say now "I believe God, I am well able to overcome sin through Christ who strengthens me."

11. The meaning of a promise is diluted and weakened.

A person can so reduce the promise that he receives nothing by it. For example, a person will keep sinning until he dies because of thinking that freedom from all sin is impossible in this life. No one can receive what they do not really believe. It does not seem to be generally understood, that the promises mean all that they say. They are to be interpreted by the same rules by which the commandments. For example the promise "The Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul," does not seem to be understood to mean as much as the command "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength." It is a matter of amazement and grief that so many people, who will contend for the literal meaning of the commandments, will dilute away the promises when the same terms are used, as meaning infinitely less, than the language in the commandments means. Just as if an infinitely generous God meant less by the promises of grace than by the requirements of justice. It has been a common thing with those who have written against the doctrine of being holy, in this life, to interpret the promises by a very different rule from that which they applied to the commandments. Now I would humbly ask where is their authority for doing this? Is not such a course manifestly a violation of the Word of God?

12. The lack of forgiveness.

A person has never repented if he places the blame for his sin on low self-esteem, some past event or crime committed against him. While a person sees the sins of others greater than his own he will never truly forgive anyone or repent.

For example, an innocent girl was sexually abused by her father when she was young. After the abuse the girl became very bitter and resentful toward her father. The focus of this girl's life became the crime her father committed against her. The cure for this problem is not inner healing or healing of the memories. The problem is not lack of self esteem or lack of self love. The real problem is she does not see nor realize her own sin. While she has the mind set that her dad is the villain and she is an innocent victim she will never forgive him nor repent. Her response of bitterness to the abuse is sin even if she was 100% innocent in the abuse. God

does not hold her responsible for her Dad's sin. While her focus is her father's crime she will never truly forgive him. She will never really forgive him while she neglects to see her own sin.

The real cure to this problem is the conviction of sin by the Holy Spirit. The girl must see her own sin from God's point of view. When the Holy Spirit convicts her she will be so overwhelmed with her own guilt that her dad's sin will become insignificant in her eyes. She will now find it easy to forgive her father because she knows that her own sin, in respect to her fathers, is greater because she was the sole creator and source of it. She can truly forgive him and repent only when she knows that she was the true criminal toward God and that her own sin far exceeds that of her dad's sin.

If your focus is another person's crime against you, then you are looking at the sin in another person's life and are sinning. You need stop looking at the other persons sin and ask the Holy Spirit to help you see your own sins. Seeing your own sin is the only thing that will break this sinful mind set. You must see your sin from God's point of view. You need to realize how your sins have affected God and have broken his heart. You need to know that your sins have crucified Christ. You must see that your crimes against God far out exceed anything done against you. Only after the Spirit shows you your sin will you realize that in respect to your sin, their sin is insignificant.

Luke 6:41-42 "And why do you look at the mote that is in your brother's eye? but do not perceive the beam that is in your own eye? Either how can you say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when you yourself do not see or look at the beam that is in your own eye. You hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of your own eye, and then you shall see clearly to pull out the mote that is in your brother's eye."

In Matt. 18:21-34 Jesus tells about a king who forgave his servant ten thousand talents. This person was truly forgiven and totally released from his debt. After he had been forgiven, this person found another person who owed him a hundred pence and threw him in jail because he could not pay. When the king heard about this he had the person who he had forgiven brought to him. He told him that he also should have had compassion on his fellow servant, even as he had pity on him. The king was so angry that he **TOOK BACK** his forgiveness and gave this person to the tormentors until he paid all that was owed to him. Then Jesus said in Matt. 18:36 "So likewise will my heavenly Father also do unto you, if you do not forgive from your heart every one their sins and trespasses."

Here is proof that even if you have truly forgiven by God, God **WILL** take back His forgiveness if you choose not to forgive someone else.

There are many who claim to be Christian but hold resentment, bitterness and unforgiveness in their heart toward others. These people are deceived. The Bible makes perfectly clear that it is impossible for a Christian to be unforgiving. God will not forgive any person who has not truly forgiven others.

You are deceived if you think you are a Christian but now hold on to bitterness, resentment or unforgiveness. If you refuse to repent, you will not be forgiven. Even if God has forgiven you in the past He will take it back if you now refuse to forgive. You must forgive no matter what sins another person has committed against you. If this is you, repent now and forgive all who may have harmed you in any way. Do not consider for a second that you are a Christian if you refuse to forgive any person.

Matt. 6:14-15 "For if you forgive men their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Matt. 6:12 "And forgive us our sins, just as we forgive those who have sinned against us."

Luke 11:4a "And forgive us our sins; just as we we forgive every one that has sinned against us."

Mark 11:25-26 "And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive your sins. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your sins."

Luke 6:36-37 "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged: condemn not, and you shall not be condemned: forgive, and you will be forgiven:

James 5:9 "Do not hold a grudge against anyone, brothers, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge stands before the door. "

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It is simple, if you hold a grudge or resentment against anyone you will be condemned and judged.