## Scripture Reading for Matthew 18:21-35 2 Chronicles 6:21-27

Listen to the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel when they pray toward this place; hear from Your dwelling place, from heaven; hear and forgive.

If a man sins against his neighbor and is made to take an oath, and he comes and takes an oath before Your altar in this house,

Then hear from heaven and act and judge Your servants, punishing the wicked by bringing his way on his own head and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.

If Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and they return to You and confess Your name, and pray and make supplications before You in this house,

Then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which You have given to them and to their father.

When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, and they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin when You afflict them;

Then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of Your servants and Your people Israel, indeed, teach them the good way in which they should walk. And send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people for an inheritance.

## Through the New Testament

Part 4 – Transforming the Messiah's Messengers "Fourth, You Must Forgive" Matthew 18:21-35

(18:21-22)

Introduction: Transforming the Messiah's messengers: First, you must listen to Jesus (17:1-13) Second, you must live by faith (17:14-27) Third, you must become 'little' (18:1-20)

The answer to Peter's question:

The consequences of failure to forgive:	(18:23-34)
The warning to the messengers:	(18:35)

## **Closing Chorus**

The Lord bless thee and keep thee,
The Lord make His face to shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee, be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance
Upon thee and give thee peace.
("The Lord Bless Thee" by Chuck Butler)