



Summer Bible Study

Greentown Baptist Church
Wednesday, August 28, 2024

1. How would Matthew 18:23-35 apply to us believers today?

- This parable of the unforgiving servant is related to:
 - The Kingdom of _____ (*the physical kingdom of Israel and Jesus Christ. It is equated with God's reign through the kings of Israel in the Old Testament and will be restored and ruled forever by the Lord Jesus Christ – 2 Sam. 7*). All believers are/will be citizens of this Kingdom.
 - Forgiveness - Matt. 18:21-23. (therefore: *for this reason. Related to something previously stated*). "70x7" = no limit to forgiveness/reconciliation if sought for.
- This servant owed his master an unpayable amount and was forgiven – Matt. 18:24-27!
But instead of showing his master's forgiveness to others, he revealed his evil heart – Matt. 18:28-30.
- How can you, who have been forgiven much, not forgive others? – Matt. 18:34-35.
 - The price of unforgiveness: _____ – Matt. 4:24, 8:6; 1 John 4:18; Rev. 9:5.

2. Did King Solomon participate in the worship of the false gods he built altars for? Did he pass his children through the fires of molech? Or other atrocities?

- Molech – the god of the Ammonites. The worship of this false god, along with offering children as a sacrifice to him, was strictly forbidden and carried a heavy punishment – Lev. 18:21, 20:2-5; Jer. 32:35.
- As king, Solomon had special instructions from the Lord: do not return to Egypt nor go there for help, do not multiply riches nor horses to yourself, and to not multiply _____ unto himself – Deut. 17:14-17. Solomon violated _____ – 1 Kings 11:1-4.
- While it is possible that Solomon directly participated, he was nonetheless _____ before God – 1 Kings 11:5-11.

3. What is John the Baptist's relation to Elijah?

- John the Baptist is a _____ of Elijah:
 - Both are Old Testament prophets – 1 Kings 17-22; Matt. 11:9.
 - Both with a mission to turn the hearts of the people back to the Lord – 1 Kings 18:37; Luke 1:17.
 - Both preparing the way of the Lord – 1 Kings 17:1, 18:1; James 5:17; Matt. 11:10-14; Isaiah 40:3 → John 1:23; Mal. 3:1, 4:5-6 (dual prophesy- Rev. 11:1-14).
 - Both fought against _____ – 1 Kings 18:21-40 (*Ahab & Jezebel = antichrist & false religion*); Matt. 3:7-12.
- John the Baptist was NOT a _____ Elijah – Matt. 17:1-13; John 1:21.