

The Disciples' Prayer

Lesson 7

I. Introduction and review

II. The Fifth Petition – Matthew 6:12

A. The Fifth Petition Concerns Our Sins

1. *“Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”*
2. Sin is pictured in this prayer as a debt which must be discharged – 6:14
3. This is not referring to a sequence – a tit-for-tat arrangement – do I forgive someone so the Lord will forgive me?
4. It is speaking of an attitude
5. There is no forgiveness for the one who does not forgive because an unforgiving spirit bears strong witness to the fact that there is no repentance
6. Whoever sees himself and his own life as central to meaningful existence loses everything; whoever takes up his cross, follows Jesus, and loses his life, actually finds it.