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**“O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise!”**

Based on Psalm 104; Robert Grant, 1833

**Please pray** that God would graciously meet us as we seek Him in worship tomorrow, morning and evening.

Pray especially for His power upon the preaching of the Word.

In our **Morning Worship**, Pastor Hollister will bring a sermon from Matthew 18:21-35 entitled, **“Understanding Mercy.”**

[\*Sermon outline attached in pdf]

Adult Class: Pastor Hollister has begun a series in 1 John entitled: **“The Tests of Life”**

In our **Evening Worship**, Pastor Strange will bring a sermon from Matthew 6:10 entitled: **“Thy Will Be Done.”**

Pray also for the many elders and ministers who will be travelling back from the Presbytery meeting in St. Paul.

**“Understanding Mercy”**  
Matthew 18:21-35

*King Jesus’ instruction on mercy and forgiveness*

**1. The Question which Prompted It**

v. 21

- (1) In this matter of forgiveness, what is the proper standard?  
*“Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”*

(2) Peter suggests what could be regarded as a rather noble standard!

**2. The Leading Declaration**

v. 22

- (1) This standard is far beyond that of mere human capacities!  
*“Jesus said to him, I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.”*

(2) The Servant’s Grievous Actions (28-30)

- 1- The debt owed – 100 denarii = \$16 = 100 days’ wages
- 2- The disposition of the servant: No patience!
- 3- The fellow servant’s plea – a reasonable plea!
- 4- No mercy!

(3) The Judgment of the King (31-34)

- 1- The report of the aggrieved fellow servants
- 2- The pronouncement of the king
  - A wicked servant!
  - Absolutely no understanding of the mercy he had been shown!

(2) This standard is fundamental to the kingdom of heaven!

-3- The sentence of the king: All must be paid!

### 3. The Supporting Parable

vv. 23-34

#### (1) A King, a Servant, and a Debt Owed (23-27)

##### -1- The debt and its consequences

- 10,000 talents. \$ 9,600,000 60 million days' wages!!
- An impossible debt to pay!
- He forfeits his life and all that he holds dear!

##### -2- The plea for patience

- But could he really pay?
- Was the plea for patience, the proper plea?!

##### -3- The King's response

- He is moved with compassion
- He releases the servant and forgives the debt entirely!

#### Application!

1. Our Lord has forgiven us an immeasurable debt!
2. To think that we could ever "repay" such is the height of foolishness and pride!
3. The free mercy of God becomes the only hope of one who has truly seen the magnitude of his debt!
4. One who has truly seen the magnitude of his debt cannot soon forget the magnitude of that mercy he has been shown. He lives always in the reality of that mercy; his life is transformed by such!