

A landscape featuring a vibrant green field in the foreground, a single, full-canopied tree on the left side, and a bright blue sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

The Gift of

**FORGIVENESS**

# **The God of 490 Chances**

**MATTHEW 18:21-22**



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- In understanding Jesus comments, we must be familiar with the significance of numbers in the Bible.**
- The numbers 7 and 10 are known in the Scriptures to be digital values that represent completion or perfection.**



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- Therefore, the symbolism of 7 times 70 goes way beyond 490 and really indicates ultimate forgiveness (complete, perfect)**
- We are told to be like our Heavenly Father in Matthew 5 and 6 when it comes to love and forgiveness.**
- This text is about Peter being molded more into the image of God and by example helping us to do the same.**

# **The God of 490 Chances**

- **I am so thankful that God is not just the God of second chances.**
- **If he were only the God of second chances then I have been relegated to a person with NO CHANCE!**
- **I need complete (perfect) love and forgiveness.**



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- **Luke also gives us some insight into God's teaching on forgiveness in 17:3-4.**
- **When we assemble all of this knowledge about God's expectations for forgiveness and quite frankly his approach to forgiveness, as demonstrated in Matt. 18:23-35 and Luke 15:11-32, we actually get to see the lengths (depths) of God's love for us.**

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**FORGIVES SIN**

- **Eph. 1:4-7**
- **Think about the ugliness of sin**
  - **I John 3:4- Lawlessness**
  - **Eph. 2:14- Hostility towards God (brings God's wrath). Why? Sin is evil (wickedness) Mark 7:21-23**
  - **I John 5:17- Wrongdoing (unrighteousness)**



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- **We are talking about all types of sins.**
  - **I Cor. 6:9-11**
  - **I Tim. 1:12-16**
  - **I John 1:9**



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  - **I John 1:7-9 (this text deals with both)**
  - **Col. 2:13**
  - **Hebrews 8:12**

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**TOOK HIS BELOVED SON DYING  
FOR MY FORGIVENESS**

- **Romans 5:8**
- **Hebrews 9:28**
- **I Peter 2:24; 3:18**