#### LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 7.9-11

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; 10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. 11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

#### **EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 1.3-11**

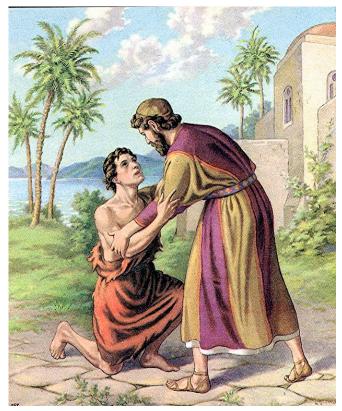
I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, 5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; 6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: 7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. 8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; 10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; 11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. 28 But the same servant went out. and found one of his fellowservants. which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. 29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. 32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: 33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? 34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. 35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.



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God's Debtors

There is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared. *Psalm 130:4* 

#### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18.23-35

Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. 24

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# **General** Prayer

Who may commune here? Communicant memb	ers in good standing	
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Those who are not communing today may leave during this hymn.		

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Today's Usher: Rich Pfeifer

Today's ALTAR FLOWERS - are given to the glory of God by the Englands.

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## THIS WEEK

- Today, 9am, Bible class
- Wednesday, 10am, Bible class
- Thursday, 4pm, Catechism

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday. There will be holy communion. Wear red.

# A 22 TRINITY PRAYER by Dr. Martin Luther

Lord, I fail, for you give yourself so richly and abundantly to me, and I cannot do the same to my neighbor. I regret this before you and pray that I may become so rich and so strong that I may do to my neighbor as you do to me. Dear God, I have been wronged. Why? I do not deserve it from this person. But I must remember and understand who I am to you. There is a long complaint against me, proving that I am ten times worse and have sinned a thousand times more against you than my neighbor has against me. Therefore I must agree with your wish by sincerely praying: O Lord, forgive, and I will also forgive. Amen.

## NOTES & QUOTES

Here is represented to us the Gospel and its nature, and how God deals with us. When you are thus held fast in sins and you torment yourself to become free from them, the Gospel comes and says: "No, not so, my dear friend, it will do no good for you to torture and torment yourself to madness; your works accomplish nothing, but God's mercy does it all; he has compassion on your affliction, and sees you a captive in such anguish, struggling in the mire and that cannot help yourself out, he sees that you cannot pay the debt, therefore he forgives you all."

Hence it is nothing but pure mercy. For he forgives you the debt, not because of your works and merit, but because he pities your cries, complaints and humiliation. This means that God has regard for an humble heart, as the Prophet David says in Psalm 51, 19: "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Such a heart, he says, is broken and cast down and cannot help itself, and is glad when God gives it a helping hand; this is the best sacrifice before God, and the true way to heaven.

Sermons of Martin Luther - The Church Postils, Vol. 5. Sermon for Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity, pp. 285f.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- Psalms 53-59
- OT Jer 48-52; Lam 1-2
- NT Rom 5-11