

## Proverbs 17:9

Forgive someone, and you will strengthen your friendship. Keep reminding them, and you will destroy it.

## Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and loving to each other. Forgive each other the same as God forgave you through Christ.

## Matthew 6:14

Yes, if you forgive others for the wrongs they do to you, then your Father in heaven will also forgive your wrongs.

## Colossians 3:13

Don't be angry with each other, but forgive each other. If you feel someone has wronged you, forgive them. Forgive others because the Lord forgave you.

## 2 Chronicles 7:14

and if my people who are called by my name become humble and pray, and look for me, and turn away from their evil ways, then I will hear them from heaven. I will forgive their sin and heal their land.

## Luke 6:37

"Don't judge others, and God will not judge you. Don't condemn others, and you will not be condemned. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven.

## Micah 7:18

There is no God like you. You take away people's guilt. God will forgive his people who survive.

He will not stay angry with them forever, because he enjoys being kind.

#### Psalms 86:5

My Lord, you are good and merciful. You love all those who call to you for help.

#### Proverbs 28:13

Whoever hides their sins will not be successful, but whoever confesses their sins and stops doing wrong will receive mercy.

#### Acts 13:38-39

Brothers, understand what we are telling you. You can have forgiveness of your sins through this Jesus. The Law of Moses could not free you from your sins. But you can be made right with God if you believe in Jesus.

#### 1 John 2:2

Jesus is the way our sins are taken away. And he is the way all people can have their sins taken away too.

#### Ephesians 1:7

In Christ we are made free by his blood sacrifice. We have forgiveness of sins because of God's rich grace.

#### Joel 2:13

Tear your hearts, not your clothes. " Come back to the Lord your God. He is kind and merciful. He does not become angry quickly. He has great love. Maybe he will change his mind about the bad punishment he planned.

#### Acts 2:38

Peter said to them, "Change your hearts and lives and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Then God will forgive your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## Psalms 32:5

But then I decided to confess my sins to the Lord. I stopped hiding my guilt and told you about my sins. And you forgave them all! Selah

## Mark 11:25

When you are praying, and you remember that you are angry with another person about something, then forgive that person. Forgive them so that your Father in heaven will also forgive your sins."

## Matthew 6:12

Forgive our sins, just as we have forgiven those who did wrong to us.

## Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, when someone won't stop doing wrong to me, how many times must I forgive them? Seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, you must forgive them more than seven times. You must continue to forgive them even if they do wrong to you seventy-seven times. "

## 2 Chronicles 30:9b

King Hezekiah sent messages to all the people of Israel and Judah. He wrote letters to the people of Ephraim and Manasseh also. He invited all these people to come to the Lord's Temple in Jerusalem so that they all could celebrate the Passover for the Lord, the God of Israel. King Hezekiah agreed with all his officials and all the assembly in Jerusalem to have the Passover in the second month. They could not celebrate the Passover Festival at the regular time, because not enough priests had made themselves ready for holy service and the people had not gathered in Jerusalem. The agreement satisfied King Hezekiah and all the assembly. So they sent the announcement throughout Israel, from the town of Beersheba all the way to the town of Dan. They told the people to come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover for the Lord, the God of Israel. Not many people had been celebrating it as it was described in the law. So the messengers took the king's letters all through Israel and Judah. This is what the letters said: "Children of Israel, turn back to the Lord God that Abraham, Isaac, and Israel obeyed. Then God will come back to you who are still alive and have escaped from the kings of Assyria. Don't be like your fathers or your brothers. The Lord was their God, but they turned against him. So the Lord made people hate them and speak evil about them. You can see with your own eyes that this is true. Don't be stubborn as your ancestors were. But obey the Lord with a willing heart. Come to the Temple. The Lord has made the Temple to be holy forever. Serve the Lord your God. Then

the Lord's fearful anger will turn away from you. If you come back and obey the Lord, your relatives and your children will find mercy from the people who captured them. And your relatives and your children will come back to this land. The Lord your God is kind and merciful. He will not turn away from you if you come back to him." The messengers went to every town in the area of Ephraim and Manasseh. They went all the way to the area of Zebulun, but the people laughed at the messengers and made fun of them. But, some men from the areas of Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and went to Jerusalem. Also, in Judah God's power united the people so that they would obey the king and his officials concerning the word of the Lord. Many people came together in Jerusalem to celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread in the second month. It was a very large crowd. The people took away the altars in Jerusalem that were for false gods and all the incense altars that were for false gods. They threw them into the Kidron Valley. Then they killed the Passover lamb on the 14 day of the second month. The priests and the Levites felt ashamed. They made themselves ready for holy service. The priests and the Levites brought burnt offerings into the Lord's Temple. They took their regular places in the Temple as described in the Law of Moses, the man of God. The Levites gave the blood to the priests. Then the priests sprinkled the blood on the altar. There were many people in the group who had not made themselves ready for holy service, so they were not permitted to kill the Passover lambs. That is why the Levites were responsible for killing the Passover lambs for everyone who was not clean. The Levites made each lamb holy for the Lord. Many people from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun had not prepared themselves in the right way for the Passover Festival. They did not celebrate the Passover the right way, as the Law of Moses says. But Hezekiah prayed for the people. So he said this prayer, "Lord God, you are good. These people sincerely wanted to worship you in the right way, but they did not make themselves clean as the law says. Please forgive these people. You are the God that our ancestors obeyed. Forgive, even if someone did not make himself clean as the rules of the Most Holy Place say." The Lord listened to King Hezekiah's prayer and forgave the people. The children of Israel at Jerusalem celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread for seven days. They were very happy. The Levites and the priests gave praise to the Lord every day with all their strength. King Hezekiah encouraged all the Levites who understood very well how to do the service of the Lord. The people celebrated the festival for seven days and offered fellowship offerings. They gave thanks and praise to the Lord God of their ancestors. All the people agreed to stay seven more days. They were joyful as they celebrated the Passover for seven more days. King Hezekiah of Judah gave 1000 bulls and 7000 sheep to the assembly to kill and eat. The leaders gave 1000 bulls and 10,000 sheep to the assembly. Many priests prepared themselves for holy service. All the assembly of Judah, the priests, the Levites, all the assembly who came from Israel, and the travelers who came from Israel and moved to Judah all these people were very happy. So there was much joy in Jerusalem. There had not been a celebration like this since the time of Solomon son of King David of Israel. The priests and the Levites stood up and asked the Lord to bless the people. God heard them. Their prayer came up to the Lord's holy home in heaven.

Acts 3:19

So you must change your hearts and lives. Come back to God, and he will forgive your sins.

James 5:14-15

Are you sick? Ask the elders of the church to come and rub oil on you in the name of the Lord and pray for you. If such a prayer is offered in faith, it will heal anyone who is sick. The Lord will heal them. And if they have sinned, he will forgive them.

#### Acts 17:30

In the past people did not understand God, and he overlooked this. But now he is telling everyone in the world to change and turn to him.

#### Jeremiah 3:12b

"If a man divorces his wife and she goes and marries someone else, the first husband cannot take her back. If he did, it would make the land unclean. Judah, you and all your false gods are like a prostitute with many lovers! So why do you think you can come back to me?" This message is from the Lord. "Look up to the bare hilltops, Judah. Is there any place where you have not had sex with your lovers? You sat by the road waiting for lovers, like an Arab in the desert. You made the land 'dirty' with all the evil sins you did when you were unfaithful to me. You sinned, so the rain has not come. There has not been any springtime rains. But still you refuse to be ashamed. The look on your face is like that of a prostitute who refuses to be ashamed. But didn't you just call me 'Father?' Didn't you say, 'You have been my friend since I was a child?' You also said, 'God will not always be angry with me. His anger will not continue forever.' "Judah, you say that, but you do as much evil as you can." The Lord spoke to me during the time King Josiah was ruling the nation of Judah. He said, "Jeremiah, you saw the bad things that Israel did! You saw how she was unfaithful to me. She was unfaithful to me with every idol on every hill and under every green tree. I said to myself, 'Israel will come back to me after she has finished doing these evil things.' But she did not come back to me. And Israel's unfaithful sister, Judah, saw what she did. Israel was unfaithful, and Israel knew why I sent her away. Israel knew that I divorced her because she committed the sin of adultery. But that did not make her unfaithful sister afraid. Judah was not afraid. She also went out and acted like a prostitute. Judah did not care that she was acting like a prostitute. So she made her country 'dirty.' She committed the sin of adultery by worshiping idols made out of stone and wood. Israel's unfaithful sister did not come back to me with her whole heart. She only pretended that she came back to me." This message is from the Lord. The Lord said to me, "Israel was not faithful to me, but she had a better excuse than unfaithful Judah. Jeremiah, look toward the north and speak this message: 'Come back, you faithless people of Israel.' This message is from the Lord. 'I will stop frowning at you. I am full of mercy.' This message is from the Lord. 'I will not be angry with you forever. But you must recognize your sin. You turned against the Lord your God. That is your sin. You worshiped the idols of other nations. You worshiped them under every green tree. You did not obey me.'" This message is from the Lord. "You people are unfaithful, but come back to me." This message is from the Lord. "I am your master. I will take one person from every city and two people from every family and bring you to Zion. Then I will give you new rulers who will be faithful to me. They will lead you with knowledge and understanding. In those days there will be many of you in the land." This message is from the Lord. "At that time people will never again say, 'I remember the days when we had the Box of the Lord's Agreement.' They will not even think about the Holy Box anymore. They will not even remember or miss it. They will never make another Holy Box. At that time the city of Jerusalem will be called the 'Lord's Throne.' All nations will come together in the

city of Jerusalem to give honor to the name of the Lord. They will not follow their stubborn, evil hearts anymore. In those days the family of Judah will join the family of Israel. They will come together from a land in the north to the land I gave to their ancestors. "I, the Lord, said, 'I want to treat you like my own children. I want to give you a pleasant land, a land more beautiful than any other nation.' I thought you would call me 'Father.' I thought you would always follow me. But you have been like a woman who is unfaithful to her husband. Family of Israel, you have been unfaithful to me!" This message is from the Lord. You can hear crying on the bare hills. The people of Israel are crying and praying for mercy. They became very evil. They forgot the Lord their God. "People of Israel, you are unfaithful to me, but come back to me. Come back and I will forgive you for being unfaithful to me." "Yes, we will come back to you, because you are the Lord our God. It was foolish to worship idols on the hills. All the loud parties on the mountains were wrong. Surely the salvation of Israel comes from the Lord our God. That terrible false god Baal has eaten everything our fathers owned. This has happened since we were children. That terrible false god took our fathers' sheep and cattle and their sons and daughters. Let us lie down in our shame. Let our shame cover us like a blanket. We have sinned against the Lord our God. We and our fathers have sinned. We have not obeyed the Lord our God from the time we were children."

#### Isaiah 55:7

Evil people should stop living evil lives. They should stop thinking bad thoughts. They should come to the Lord again, and he will comfort them. They should come to our God because he will freely forgive them.

#### Nehemiah 9:31

"But you are so kind! You didn't completely destroy them. You didn't leave them. You are such a kind and merciful God!