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The Danger of Christian Doormat Theology

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Please note: This sermon addresses the "Grace of forgiveness" and not the "Grace of redemption (the cross.)"

Grace of forgiveness is not rolling over and being a doormat

Kirsten Powers 2021 book, "*Saving Grace*" is in my opinion the best non-overly religious explanation of the grace of forgiveness that I am aware.

Power's powerful words[1] of "*Grace is not rolling over and being a doormat*" and "*Yes, grace creates the space for reconciliation, but not without repentance and repair from the person who inflicted the damage.*" precisely tracks God's requirements for the forgiveness of sin.

Forgiveness without repentance, just enables more abuse

Jesus explicitly teaches us to rebuke the sinner towards repentance first, and if they repent (end the sin, genuine remorse), then we forgive them. In Luke 17:3, Jesus says:

> ***"If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them."***

The process of forgiveness is as follows:

> Rebuke → Repentance → Forgiveness

Although Jesus taught this three-step process of forgiveness, the gospel authors did a poor job recording it, and emphasized forgiveness as a stand-alone process. As an example, Matthew 6:14-15 and Matthew 18:21-22, only address the forgiveness step.

[1] (page 10 "Saving Grace" by Kirsten Powers, Crown Publishing, 2021, and excerpt published by the National Catholic Reporter on November 6, 2021)

Matthew 6:14-15
14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 18:21-22
21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times [or seventy times seven.]

Many Christians have never read their bible cover to cover, neither have their pastors, but if they read or preach on any part of the bible, they only read a few verses in the New Testament.

Ezekiel 33 is the most important chapter on forgiveness in the entire bible, and most people have no idea it even exists. Ezekiel 33, and repeated in Ezekiel 18, details how God comes to forgive your sin, anyone's sin.

God describes in vivid detail, the three step process of:

Rebuke → Repentance → Forgiveness

First comes the duty to "Rebuke" step:

Ezekiel 33:7-9
7 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. 8 When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked person, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. 9 But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

Then comes the Repentance → Forgiveness process:

Ezekiel 33:12-20
12 "Therefore, son of man, say to your people, 'If someone who is righteous disobeys, that person's former righteousness will count for nothing. And if someone who is wicked repents, that person's former wickedness will not bring condemnation. The righteous person who sins will not be allowed to live even

though they were formerly righteous.' [13] ***If I tell a righteous person that they will surely live, but then they trust in their righteousness and do evil, none of the righteous things that person has done will be remembered; they will die for the evil they have done.*** [14] ***And if I say to a wicked person, 'You will surely die,' but they then turn away from their sin and do what is just and right—*** [15] ***if they give back what they took in pledge for a loan, return what they have stolen, follow the decrees that give life, and do no evil—that person will surely live; they will not die.*** [16] ***None of the sins that person has committed will be remembered against them. They have done what is just and right; they will surely live.***

[17] ***"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' But it is their way that is not just.*** [18] ***If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and does evil, they will die for it.*** [19] ***And if a wicked person turns away from their wickedness and does what is just and right, they will live by doing so.*** [20] ***Yet you Israelites say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' But I will judge each of you according to your own ways."***

As God said, this may seem unfair, especially to victims of crime, where the criminal can merely repent with genuine remorse and be completely forgiven and escape a jail sentence.

Forgiving Manasseh

But this was just the scenario in the case of Manasseh the evil King of Judah. Manasseh did so many evil things, shed so much innocent blood, sacrificed his children to death in the fire to please idols, and even killed Isaiah the beloved prophet of God.

2 Kings 21:16
[16] ***Moreover, Manasseh also shed so much innocent blood that he filled Jerusalem from end to end—besides the sin that he had caused Judah to commit, so that they did evil in the eyes of the Lord.***

2 Chronicles 33:6-13
[6] ***He sacrificed his children in the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, practiced divination and witchcraft, sought omens, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the Lord, arousing his anger.***

[9] ***But Manasseh led Judah and the people of Jerusalem astray, so that they did more evil than the nations the Lord had destroyed before the Israelites.***

God sent envoys to rebuke Manasseh to repent and turn from his evil ways, but Manasseh blew them off.

> ***10 The Lord spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention.***
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> ***11 So the Lord brought against them the army commanders of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh prisoner, put a hook in his nose, bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon.***

Only during such distress did Manasseh earnestly repent to God, confessing his grave sins, asking God for forgiveness. God granted mercy to Manasseh, and restored Manasseh to his kingdom, never to run afoul of God again.

> ***12 In his distress he sought the favor of the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his ancestors. 13 And when he prayed to him, the Lord was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea; so he brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord is God.***

Now that you understand how God's grace of forgiveness works with the Rebuke → Repentance → Forgiveness steps, you can apply to real life situations.

Forgiving Russia

In the news on November 10, 2026, a reporter asked Ukraine President Zelensky if "*he can forgive Russia?*" It is likely this reporter was a Christian who never read beyond the New Testament, and fully bought into "*Doormat Theology*."

President Zelensky answered as honestly as he could, saying he was not certain Russia understood they are the aggressors and "*they have killed so many people...who am I, I am just a human, I am not God...*"

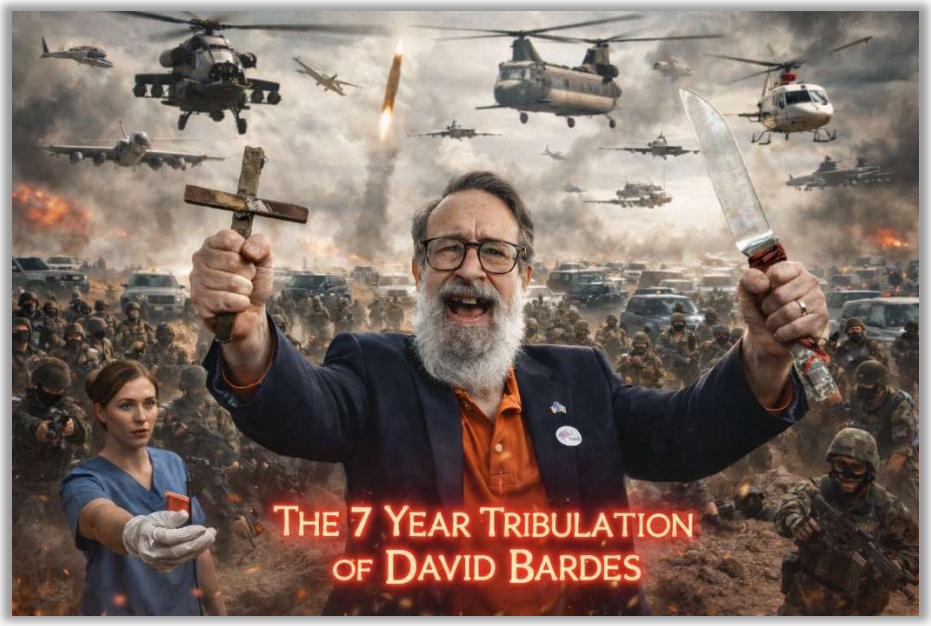
Without repentance, there is no forgiveness. I thought it was a good answer for a stupid question.

Forgiving Gog and Magog

Could God forgive George (Gog) W. Bush and his "*deep state*" loyalists (Magog)?

Take the example of the unrepentant George Walker Bush (Gog of the land of Magog) and the CIA who tortured to death innocent Muslims with cold cell torture, then teamed up with Bill Gates, Larry Page, Tim Cook, Mark Zuckerberg, Jeff Bezos and others to rig the 2020 elections,

orchestrated Donald Trump's criminal trials, and recruited Thomas Matthew Crooks to shoot Trump. This was on top of killing Jeffrey Epstein and John McAfee with feigned jail cell suicides.



In 2018, when I unknowingly recorded the website traffic logs of their recruitment of employees of the two voting machine companies to rig the then upcoming 2020 election, they spent three years trying to kill me. They sent so many killers I lost track of the count. When I turned around and sued them in federal court to stop the killers, George W. Bush, Bill Gates, and the CIA bribed the federal judges to dismiss my lawsuits. I sent dozens of emails to George and his cohorts to repent, lest they die for their sins. They blew it off as folly.

Also in 2018, George W. Bush passed $2.1 million dollars through the corrupt president of Interpol, Meng Hongwei, a Chinese citizen, to bribe the three judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to not vote to open the Bush war crimes investigation, only for Hongwei to be busted by Xi Jinping's anti-corruption unit. Meng Hongwei is now serving a thirteen-year prison sentence, but Bush and Bill Gates negotiated silence from China in turn for rigging the 2020 election and ceding control of Bush's underground crime syndicate that spans the globe to China. George W. Bush and the technology CEOs betrayed their nation committing treason just to not be held accountable for their crimes.

So, the question becomes, could God, and I, forgive George W. Bush and the members of Magog if they genuinely repented, publicly apologized, and turned from their evil ways?

The answer is if God could forgive Manasseh, then yes, God would forgive Gog and Magog, and so would I.

But since I, as the watchman, followed God's Rebuke → Repentance → Forgiveness process outlined in Ezekiel 33, if they do not publicly repent, and turn from their evil ways, then they would die for their sins, and their blood would not be on my hands.

Conclusion

God calls on all of us to be watchmen, to rebuke sinners to repentance. But forgiveness without repentance just enables more abuse. Do not fall for *Christian Doormat Theology*.

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