

Series: The Seven Sayings of the Cross, Part 2

Title: “Father, Forgive Them”

Text: Luke 23:34

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Let's consider four lessons from Jesus' first saying from the cross...

1. THE PLAN OF THE FATHER

Matthew [26:39](#)

John [6:38](#)

Philippians [2:6-8](#)

Isaiah [50:7-8](#)

2. THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER

Matthew [6:9](#)

1 Thessalonians [5:17](#)

Psalms [55:17](#)

3. THE PRACTICE OF FORGIVENESS

Acts [7:59-60](#)

Sandra Wilson: “Remember, forgiving is not denying the wrong they did, it's releasing the right to wrong them in return. Does that mean they get away with it? No. No one ever gets away with sin. Forgiveness is not letting someone 'get away' with sin; it's letting Jesus be the Judge of it. Forgiving, means placing the sins and the sinners into the nail-scarred hands of the only One qualified to judge. In doing so, we are released from the bondage of bitterness that comes after our repeated attempts to exact justice have failed.”

4. THE PARDON OF SALVATION

Andrew Miller: “God will not look upon our sins. We keep record of wrongs done to us, letting them bubble back up again and again instead of forgiving fully. But God casts our sins behind him—he will not see them again. It is finished. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”