

frightened, for the king said, 'Take this thief and his wife and children and sell them for slaves. Sell also his house and everything he has and bring me the money.' Then the steward fell on his face weeping and said, 'Oh, please give me a little time and I will pay everything.' Then that kind and merciful king forgave him the whole debt.

"But the same man, soon after, met a fellow-servant who owed him a few dollars. He took hold of him roughly, saying, 'Pay me my money.' Then the poor man fell on his knees, saying, 'Just give me a little

time and I will pay everything.' Instead of forgiving him his debt, he quickly called a policeman and had him put in gaol.

"Then the other servants went to the king about it. He was very angry and calling the steward, said, 'Oh, you wicked servant, I forgave your debt as soon as you asked me. Why have you not done the same to the other man?' And he cast him into prison, till he should pay the whole debt."

Then said Jesus to those who were listening, "Even so shall My Father do unto you, if you are not willing to forgive others as freely as He has forgiven you."

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How many times did Peter think he ought to forgive? Ans. Seven times. 2. What did Jesus say? Ans. That he should be willing to forgive every time. 3. Why? Ans. Because God had forgiven him so much. 4. Why did Jesus tell the story of the forgiving king? Ans. To show everybody what His Father is like. 5. How did the man in the story, who had been for-

given himself, treat another of his fellow-servants? Ans. Hardly and unjustly. 6. Then what did the king do? Ans. He punished the cruel man? 7. How did Jesus say His friends must treat each other? Ans. As they would wish to be treated themselves. 8. What is the Golden Text? Ans. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

#### A Wonderful Prayer

When Jesus was dying on the Cross, with His hands and His feet pierced by the cruel nails, He looked up to His Father in Heaven,

and made this prayer for His murderers, "*Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do!*"

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

**I should be forgiving**

**Primary Catechism — 107. How are we baptized?**

We are baptized with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

**Shorter Catechism—34. What is adoption?**

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

#### Lesson Hymn

Jesus, in Thy dying woes,  
Even while Thy life-blood flows,  
Craving pardon for Thy foes!  
Hear us, Holy Jesus.

Oh, may we, who mercy need,  
Be like Thee in heart and deed,  
When with wrong our spirits bleed!  
Hear us, Holy Jesus.

Amen.

—Hymn 57, Book of Praise