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The Greatest Forgiver”**
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□ **The Stunning Promises**

- Isaiah 43:25—“I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins _____.”
- Isaiah 38:17—“You have put all my sins _____.”
- Isaiah 44:22—“I have swept away your offenses like a _____, your sins like the _____.”
- Jeremiah 31:34—“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins _____.”
- Micah 7:18, 19—“Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl our iniquities into the _____.”
- 1 John 1:9—“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to _____ us our sins and _____ us from all unrighteousness.”
- Isaiah 1:18—“‘Come now, let us settle the matter,’ says the Lord. ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as _____; though they are red as crimson, they shall be as _____.’”
- Hebrews 10:17/8:12—“‘Their sins and lawless acts I will remember _____.’”

□ **The Stunning Proof**

- Psalm 51:1-2
- 1 Kings 14:8—“... but you [Jeroboam] have not been like my servant David, who [1] kept my _____ and [2] followed me with _____ his heart, [3] doing _____ what was right in my eyes.”
- *Steps to Christ*. “If you give yourself to [Jesus], and accept Him as your Saviour, then, sinful as your life may have been, for His sake you are accounted righteous. Christ’s character stands in place of your character, and you are accepted before God just as if _____.”

□ **The Stunning Prayer**

- C. S. Lewis: “We must lay before Him what is in us, not what _____ to be in us. . . . The prayer preceding all prayers is ‘May it be the real _____ who speaks. May it be the real _____ that I speak to.’” (*Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer* 22, 82)
- What if—in the light of this breath-taking portrait of God—we made the choice right now to practice spiritual and emotional _____ when we are alone with God in prayer?
- Philip Yancey: “Unless I level with God . . . that relationship [with Him] will go nowhere. I may continue going to church, singing hymns and praise choruses, even addressing God politely in formal prayers, but I will never break through the intimacy barrier. . . . We must trust God with what God already _____.” (*Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* 42)
- Luke 23:34—“Father, forgive them—for they do not know what they are doing.”
- *Desire of Ages*: “That prayer of Christ for His enemies embraced the world. It took in every sinner that had lived or should live, from the beginning of the world to the end of time. Upon all rests the guilt of crucifying the Son of God. To _____, forgiveness is freely offered. ‘Whosoever will’ may have peace with God, and inherit eternal life.” (745)

“No better time than Now”

no more, behind your back, cloud, morning mist, no more, depths of the sea, forgive, purify, snow, wool,
no more, commandments, all, only, you had not sinned, ought, I, Thou, candor, knows, all