

## 22) What About These?\_10

### 10. *Freeing or Holding of sins!?*

- A) (Matt. 6; 1-15); Prayer; .....ending with, *'if you do not forgive, neither will your Father forgive you!'* Thus, forgiveness is not for all, but from those who practice it!
  
- B) (Matt 18, 15-19), in this illustration, it is on the condition that an attempt is to be made, not just assumed.
  
- C) This is why Jesus made his proclamation in (John 9; 39-41), when he said, *"For judgment have I come into this world, that they who do not see may see, and those who say we see may become blind."* And some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this, and they said to him, *"Are we then blind?"* Jesus said to them, *"If you were blind you would not have sin. But since you claim 'We see' then your sin remains."* (Keep in mind, he was referring to their blindness to the bad conditions of the time).
  
- D) Believe it or not, he shows two other samples of leaving or holding their sins; (Luke 17; 3-4), *"..rebuke him, and **if** he repents, forgive him."*, (John 20; 23), *"whoever sins you retain, they shall be retained"*.
  
- E) You see, forgiveness is not designed for those who readily think themselves righteous, in spite of the fact they be wicked or hurtful, as was the case of the rulers in Christ's time, for example.