

**"The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer To Say"**  
**The Father Who Answers Prayer Requires Us to Forgive**  
**"Caveat Orator"**  
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**Five Greek Words Often Translated To Sin**

1. The most common word is *hamartia*. This was originally a shooting word and means to fail to hit the target. Therefore sin is the failure to be what we might have been and could have been.
2. The second word for sin is *parabasis*, which literally means a stepping across the line which is drawn between right and wrong.
3. The third word for sin is *paraptōma*, which means a slipping across. It is the kind of slip which a man might make on a slippery or an icy road and again we are swept away by some impulse or passion, which has momentarily gained control of us. The best of us can slip into sin when for the moment we are off our guard.
4. The fourth word for sin is *anomia*, which means lawlessness. Anomia is the sin of the man who knows the right, and who yet does the wrong: the sin of the man who knows the law, and who yet breaks the law.
5. The fifth word for sin is the word *opheilēma* which is the word used in the body of the Lord's Prayer; and *opheilēma* means a debt. It means a failure to pay that which is due, a failure in duty. There can be no man who will ever dare to claim that he has perfectly fulfilled his duty to man and to God: Such perfection does not exist among men.

Heb 9:22

Matthew 18:21-35 - Parable of the Unmerciful  
Servant

What the servant owed the king

1 talent = 1.208m  
10,000 talents = \$12,080,000,000 - that's what the  
servant owed the king

- Illustration comparing the difference between what a billion a  
million looks like

What the 2nd servant owed the forgiven servant

1 denarius - \$8  
He owed 100 denarius = \$800

Passages in reference to debt:

Romans 4:4

Authentic forgiveness will NOT:

1. Bring it back up to you
2. Rehearse in my mind
3. Bring it up to others

Issues of the guy in the parable

1. ungrateful
2. did not understand the magnitude of his debt

References to how our sins pile up:

rev 18:5  
gen 18:20,21  
2 chron 28:9  
ezra 9:6  
jer 51:9  
jonah 1:2

References to sins forgiven/forgive each other:

Isa 43:25  
Col 3:13  
Luke 17:3,4  
Eph 4:31,32  
1 john 1:9