

Cast
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“Yes, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea”
Micah 7:19

Cast—This is the Hebrew word *shalak*. It has several different senses, all associated with throwing down. It can mean the physical act of throwing down something, casting aside something or, in an important sense, abandoning something. Micah tells us that God “abandons” our sins. When they are forgiven, they are pushed away, so far away that it is as if they have been lost in the depths of the ocean. They will never come back to incriminate us again. God leaves them for dead.

Of course, we love to play the resurrecting god. So, we have the habit of bringing our sins back to life. If you really think about it, sin is the only thing we can really claim is ours alone. God gave us everything else as a gift. But we created our sins without His help. So, these are the only things that we could bring back to life. They are the only things we have mastery over. Imagine how ridiculous we are raising our sins from the dead actually kills us!

God’s forgiveness is an incredible thing. God casts away my sin when I come to Him in true repentance and remorse. God forgets all about them. God does not need to remember how I hurt Him with my sins. He does not bear a grudge toward me. He is not interested in punishing me. He wants me to embrace Him as Father, so He throws away everything about my rebellion against Him. As far as He is concerned, they are gone for good.

Oh, if only I could forgive like that. If only I could throw away those insults and infractions and aggravations that others have done to me so that as far as I was concerned, they are gone for good. That’s what God did for me. God’s action gives me a standard for my actions forgive means “cast away” for good.

If you are harboring some old hurts, cast them away. Be like your Father. He did it for you.