



Threshing, Winnowing and Hell

Matthew 3:12 (NIV)

[12] His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Luke 22:31-32 (NIV)

[31] “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. [32] But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

Sift - (G1809) > Used only 1 time in the New Testament

“middle voice from 1537 and 154; to demand (for trial):--desire.”

- **ACTIVE VOICE:** The subject causes the action.
 - I move the car.
- **PASSIVE VOICE:** The subject receives the consequences of the action.
 - The car was moved.
- **MIDDLE VOICE:** The subject is part or all of the action. In other words, the subject is both the cause and the focus, the agent and experiencer, of a verbal action.
 - I moved (myself).

God Verses Satan--Sifting

God sifts to:	Satan sifts to:
Free us from sin	Take us deeper into sin
Remove the Old Nature	Enhance the Old Nature
Free us from evil desires	Increase evil desires
Make us more Godly	Make us less Godly
Strengthen our Moral Character	Weaken out Moral Character
Strengthen our Faith	Destroy our Faith

Revelation 3:14-16 (NIV)

[14] “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. [15] I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! [16] So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV)

[14] For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. [15] But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

“Forgive” in the Greek means to “Send Away / Pardon”

The opposite: “Unforgiveness” is to ‘Retain / hold them to what they did’

Unforgiveness is when we've been hurt, betrayed, taken advantage of, abused, etc.

- > And we don't let go of it - release them.**
- > We don't let the person off the hook - pardon them.**
- > We refuse to turn it over to God and forget it.**
- > We want to see them pay / suffer for what they did.**