

## Matthew Chapter 7

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Purpose of the Sermon on the Mount:

1. To drive us to Christ.
  2. To direct us in Christ.
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V: 1 **“Judge”**: G2919. krino, kree'-no; i.e. decide (mentally or judicially); by impl. to try, condemn, punish:--avenge, conclude, condemn, damn, decree, determine, esteem, judge, go to (sue at the) law, ordain, call in question, sentence to, think.

- Conclusion formed, condemn as opposed to identification.

*Examine*: To look at or into critically or methodically in order to find out the facts, physical condition; investigate; inspect; scrutinize; inquire into.

**Romans 16:17** “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.”

**Galatians 6:1** “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”

**Philippians 1:9-10** “<sup>9</sup>And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; <sup>10</sup>That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.”

**Romans 2:1** “Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.”

V: 2 What goes around, comes around.

**Matthew 5:7** “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.”

- The standards that we apply to other people will be applied to us.
- Chuck Smith has demonstrated and taught me to err on the side of grace.

**Matthew 6:12** “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”

V's: 3-5 Jesus is using hyperbole, and obvious exaggeration to make the point.

"Mote" (G2595) "karphos" speck, grit, sawdust  
"Beam" (G1385) "dokos"; timber, beam.

- Both made of the same material.
- It takes one to know one.

V: 5 We need to deal with our own sin before we attempt to minister to others that way.

**1 John 1:8** "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

**Galatians 6:1** "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

**1 Corinthians 6:11** "And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

**Psalms 51:10-13** <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from thy presence; and taken not thy holy spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. <sup>13</sup>Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

V: 6 "Dogs" – "swine" – Judgement? – No, identification.

Dogs: (G2965) kuon – dog (unclean animal), metaphor for a man of impure mind, an impudent man, also homosexuals.

Swine: (G5519). choiros, khoy'-ros; hog, swine, pig. (unclean animal)

**2 Peter 2:22** "But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, the dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

- There are people who are simply closed to the Gospel, their hearts are hardened in such a way that they will not respond, in fact they will turn it around and use it against you – we're not under any obligation to argue with them or seek to convince them – that is God's job.

Paul teaching in the synagogue in Antioch, unwilling to listen:

**Acts 13:45** "But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming."

- Jesus is telling us that we're not to take the Holy things of God, the treasure that He's given us – perhaps we've been ministered to in our devotions, God is doing some work in us – we shouldn't share them with people that will have no appreciation for them, for the deep things of God, that they should be trampled underfoot, exposing them to ridicule and scorn.
- What is needed? Wisdom.

**James 1:5** “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”

- We need to discern whom we are talking to at all times.

**Ephesians 5:15** “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.”

V: 7-12 Prayer

V: 7 “Ask” (G-154). aiteo, ahee-teh'-o; ask, beg, crave, desire.

**Philippians 4:6** “Be careful for nothing; but everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God...”

- With both the asking and the knocking the idea is to keep asking, keep knocking until there is an answer.

**James 4:2-3** “<sup>2</sup>Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. <sup>3</sup>Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”

- This is all intended for believers, not to the general public.

**Matthew 5:1-2** “<sup>1</sup>And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, His disciples came unto Him: <sup>2</sup>And He opened His mouth, and taught them saying,”

Jesus describes a believer, a follower:

**Mark 8:34** “... whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”

- This message is for those who have come to the cross, denied themselves, died to themselves and are willing to follow Jesus.
- In God's will Vs worldly lusts.

V: 8 God hears the prayers of those that love Him.

**Psalm 34:15** “The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry.”

**Psalm 65:2** “O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.”

**Proverbs 15:29** “The Lord is far from the wicked: but He heareth the prayer of the righteous.”

- He that seeketh findeth:

**Jeremiah 29:13** “And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.”

- To him that knocks, it shall be opened:

**Philippians 3:13-14** <sup>13</sup>“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, <sup>14</sup>I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

V: 9-11 Comparison: Earthly – lowly 1<sup>st</sup>  
Heavenly – Godly 2<sup>nd</sup> ascending.

**Psalm 68:19** “Blessed be the Lord, who daily leadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.”

**Isaiah 49:15-16** <sup>15</sup>“Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. <sup>16</sup>Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.”

**Romans 8:31-32** <sup>31</sup>“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

**James 1:17** “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

V: 12 “Therefore” – because of these things.

**Matthew 22:37-39** <sup>37</sup>“Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”

- Similar to what Buddha said 100 years prior, but not quite the same. Buddha said, “don’t do to others what you don’t want done to you” – put it in the negative, no power or ability. Jesus called us to “do”.

**Galatians 5:14** “All the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”

V: 13 This is why we see the Christian fish swimming up stream against the current, against the ways of the world.

**Proverbs 14:12** “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

**Isaiah 5:14** “Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.”

V: 14 Those that stay on the straight and narrow path are very much in the minority.

**John 14:6** “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.”

**John 10:9** “I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.”

V: 15 Jesus warns us several times about false prophets & false teachers.

**Matthew 23:4** “And Jesus answered and said unto them, take heed that no man deceive you.”

**2 Peter 2:1-3** “<sup>1</sup>But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. <sup>2</sup>And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. <sup>3</sup>And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”

**Acts 20:30** “Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.”

**Galatians 1:8** “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you that that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”

V: 16-20 The question is how do you know? By their fruits!

**1 John 3:7-10** “<sup>7</sup>Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness, is righteous, even as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup>He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup>Whosoever is born of God doeth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. <sup>10</sup>In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.”

**1 John 4:1-3** “<sup>1</sup>Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: <sup>3</sup>And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of anti-Christ, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”

**Acts 17:11** “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

**John 15:1-6** “<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.”

Contrast between fruit of the spirit and fruit of the flesh:

**Galatians 5:19-21** “<sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness (impure, divided), lasciviousness (shameless), <sup>20</sup>idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations (jealous / contentious), wrath, strife, seditions (dissensions), heresies, <sup>21</sup>envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

**Galatians 5:22-23** “<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the spirit is love; joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup>meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

Matthew 13 – wheat & tares – the difference is in the fruit.

V: 21 Obedience is the key

**Luke 6:46** “And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”

**James 1:22** “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

- It isn't about “good” works – it's about faith.

**John 6:29** “Jesus answered and said unto them, this is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent.”

V: 22 “Lord Lord”

**1 John 3:18** “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”

**2 Timothy 3:5** “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”

- It's not about outward appearances, it's about our heart for the Lord.

**Matthew 6:1** “Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them...”

V: 23 Jesus is the One who makes the ultimate decision or judgment:

**John 5:22** “For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son.”

**Hebrews 4:12** “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

**Psalms 1:4-6** “<sup>4</sup>The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. <sup>5</sup>Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. <sup>6</sup>For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.”

**Psalms 5:5** “The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.”

V: 21-23 **Acts ch. 8**, we see different kinds of believers.

1. Saul
2. Phillip
3. Simon
4. Ethiopian eunuch.

V: 24 Our actions define our faith.

**John 14:15** “If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

**John 15:14** “Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.”

**John 10:27** “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

**James 2:17-19** <sup>17</sup>“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. <sup>18</sup>Yea, a man may say, thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup>Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.”

V: 25-27 The house is a metaphor for our lives. If our lives are built on the sure foundation of God’s word, then it will stand.

**Isaiah 28:16** “Therefore thus saith the Lord God, behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make hast (be forced to flee)”

**2 Timothy 2:19** “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

- House = our lives, the storm = our appointment with physical death.

**John 16:33** “These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

- Our profession of faith will eventually be tested, now or in the end.

V: 29 Scribes always quoted, hiding behind some other Rabbi, no personal accountability.

- Jesus said “but I say unto you...”, it always seemed to make sense. He spoke with that kind of personal authority.

**Romans 8:16** “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:”

- We’ve seen 2 roads, 2 trees, & 2 foundations – this forces a choice / decision.

**Deuteronomy 30:19** “I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.”