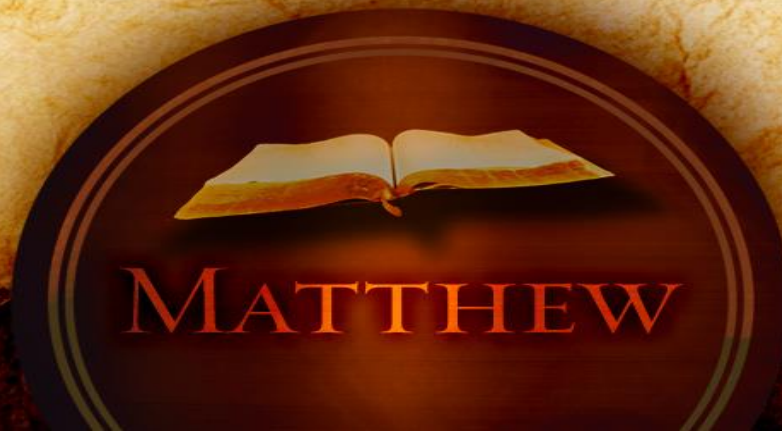




Matthew 7:1-6

Judging: An Introduction to vv. 1-6





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Matthew 7:1-6

1 “Do not judge, so that you will not be judged.

2 “For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with what measure you measure, it will be measured to you.

3 “And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

4 “Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and behold, the log is in your own eye?

5 “You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.

6 “Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.



The Big Question

Is Jesus telling us in this text that we should not judge anything or anyone, ever?

NO!



What does the Bible say about Judging?

- ✓ Matthew 7:16 “You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorn bushes or figs from thistles?”
- ✓ John 7:24 “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”
 - Judge according to what/how the Bible defines righteousness.



What does the Bible say about Judging?

- ✓ 1 Cor. 5:11 “I am writing to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is a sexually immoral person, or greedy, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one.
- ✓ 1 Cor. 5:12-13 “For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Are you not to judge those who are within the church? But those who are outside, God will judge. Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.



What does the Bible say about Judging?

- ✓ 1 Cor. 6:2-5 “Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? If the world is judged by you, are you not worthy to constitute the smallest law courts? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more matters of this life? So if you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, do you appoint those who are of no account in the church as judges? I say this to your shame. Is it really this way: there is not one wise man among you who will be able to pass judgment between his brothers?”



What does the Bible say about Judging?

- ✓ Matthew 18:15-17 “Now if your brother sins, go and show him his fault, between you and him alone; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. “But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that **BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.** “And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as the Gentile and the tax collector.”



Not just morally but THEOLOGICALLY as well.

- ✓ Gal. 1:8-9 “But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to the gospel we have proclaimed to you, let him be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is proclaiming to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let him be accursed!”
- ✓ 1 Jn. 4:1 “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”



So, we are indeed to judge between:

- ✓ Truth and falsehood (Mat 7:15)
- ✓ Good doctrine and false doctrine (Gal. 1:8; 2 Jn. 10-11)
- ✓ Sinful behavior and right behavior (Jn 7:24; Math. 18).



Ezekiel 3:17-21



But, be CAREFUL!

Psalms 19:7-10



The law of Yahweh is perfect, restoring the soul;
The testimony of Yahweh is sure, making wise the simple.
The precepts of Yahweh are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of Yahweh is pure, enlightening the eyes.
The fear of Yahweh is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of Yahweh are true; they are righteous altogether.
They are more desirable than gold, even more than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.”



1 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be equipped, having been thoroughly equipped for every good work.



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