Matthew 7

Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount – Part 3 of 3

1. **Introduction:** While Jesus delivered His first recorded sermon in Matthew 5-7, He raised some of the same points in other times and places. We seek to assimilate these for a better understanding of how to understand and live His Word.
2. **Matt 7:1-5, Judge Not!**
3. “Judge not” does not mean that we never judge, for Jesus commands: John 7:24 “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." NKJV
4. Jesus commands us to remove what is in our own eye because He commands that we help our brother with his troubles as well.
5. If we never judge anything, we would not be able to discriminate between a beam, a speck and a normal eye.
6. ‘Righteous judgment’ is “handling accurately” or “rightly dividing” the Word of Truth, 2 Timothy 2:15.
7. // Luke 6:37-42, the reverse of the Golden Rule: we’ll be treated the way we treat others.
8. We can not see our own way, but we can follow the example and teaching of the Lord.
9. **Matthew 7:6, Dogs & Swine Have Bad Values**
10. Characterized as undesirable beasts.
11. What is being considered? What is HOLY, pearls and YOU. They do not value it as holy or worth their while.
12. They make themselves dogs or swine by their choices, thus actions, words or lack thereof.
13. You trying to share what is holy with them didn’t make them dogs or swine, but it’s a consequence of their own choices.
14. **Matthew 7:7-11, Diligent Seeking and Gifts to Our Children**
15. Consider Matthew 25:10-12 and Luke 13:24-25 with wanting the door opened.
16. Parents would not give anything injurious or detrimental to their children.
17. God has greater care for us than parents ever could because He is omniscient and omnipotent. He absolutely knows what is best for us and He can always make it happen.
18. While a “loaf” of bread may look very similar to a smooth, flat stone, they are very different.
19. While it is possible that a fish and a serpent look similar in some ways, we see that both of these illustrations show us possible confusions that most people would never make.
20. How much more so with God our Father!
21. // Luke 11:9-13, who’d confuse an egg with a scorpion? It COULD be done!
22. **Matthew 7:12, the Golden Rule**
23. **Matthew 7:13-14, Two Ways to Live; Two Ways for Eternity**
24. Wide and broad way of many 🡪 Destruction. Narrow and difficult way of few 🡪 Life
25. // Luke 13:24 “…many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.”
26. **Matthew 7:15-20,**
27. It’s not a matter of CAN or COULD or WOULD, but BEARING GOOD FRUIT.
28. Notice that good trees BEAR good fruit, and bad trees BEAR bad fruit.
29. It’s not a matter of spring time growth; we bear fruit continually – it’s either good or bad.
30. We could do much “good” but bear bad fruit.
31. Remember the “many” shocked at Judgment in Matt 7:21-23; they were absolutely certain that they were good fruit trees in the Lord’s Kingdom, but found out otherwise.
32. // Mt 12:33, “Brood of vipers!” – ‘Fighting words.’ Our words can get us into real trouble…with God.
33. // Luke 6:43-45, we don’t bear a mix of good and bad fruit. What makes one good or evil?
34. **Matthew 7:21-23,**
35. NT:458 anomia (an-om-ee'-ah); from NT:459; illegality, i.e. violation of law or (genitive case) wickedness:- iniquity, transgress (-ion of) the law, unrighteousness.
36. NT:459 anomos (an'-om-os); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:3551; lawless, i.e. (negatively) not subject to (the Jewish) law; (by implication, a Gentile), or (positively) wicked:- without law, lawless, transgressor, unlawful, wicked.
37. THE MOST Unpleasant Surprise:
38. They claim to have worked miracles by Divine authority.
39. They sincerely address the Lord Jesus thinking they were His faithful servants throughout.
40. They seem shocked and surprised by the situation.
41. While this should send a tingle down our spine, there were opportunities for them before this point.
42. Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”
43. // Luke 6:46, why call Him ‘Lord, Lord’ and do not the things He says? Who’s that about?
44. // Luke 13:26-27, Where are you from?
45. Iniquity - NT:93 adikia (ad-ee-kee'-ah); from NT:94; (legal) injustice (properly, the quality, by implication, the act); morally, wrongfulness (of character, life or act):- iniquity, unjust, unrighteousness, wrong.
46. Notice that departing from Jesus at the time He speaks of will involve weeping and gnashing of teeth. It’s too late by this point.
47. These were Jews confident in their place in the Kingdom who will suffer the shame and humiliation of seeing Gentiles saved while they, the chosen people of God, are thrust out.
48. **Matthew 7:24-27, Hear and Do the Word of the Lord.**
49. // Luke 6:47-49, having a solid foundation or none at all.
50. Digging deep to build upon the rock – it requires tremendous, “back breaking” work.
51. 2 Tim 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. NKJV
52. How much effort do we make to search God’s Word diligently, then search our lives diligently to make sure we know and do His Will?
53. While Jesus shows us that we could fool ourselves and others, the Lord knows our hearts and lives, and He will judge us in the End according to His Word, John 12:48.
54. **Matthew 7:28-29, Jesus offers something NOBODY else can.**
55. Jesus knocks for us, Revelation 3:19-22
56. You see the Word of the Lord and His admonition to obey it.
57. Jesus lived to be the Example and died to be the Redeemer of our souls.
58. What will YOU do with your soul?

**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Hear The Gospel (John 5:24; Romans 10:17) Believe the Word of God (John 3:16-18; John 8:24)

Repent Of Your Sins (Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38) Confess Jesus as Christ (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10)

Be Baptized (Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:27) Remain Faithful for Life (John 8:31; Rev. 2:10)

**FOR THE ERRING CHILD OF GOD:**

Repent (Acts 8:22), Confess (I John 1:9), Pray (Acts 8:22)

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