

MATTHEW 7:1-14

A. Matthew 7:1-2 - Judge not, that ye be not judged. Matt. 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

1. This is a favorite verse that people today use to _____vent the judging of anyone, or never to criticize anyone. But that is not what the passage is talking about. It is not saying we can't discriminate or discern about things. It is not forbidding _____uation of certain things or people.

Matthew 7:15 - [Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.] How can we, unless we judge them by God's Word?

- a. I Corinthians 2:15 - But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

*The Greek word *krino* means to determine, to think through, or to conclude on a matter. But, it can also mean to condemn - the context determines the meaning.

- b. I Corinthians 5:3 - For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, *concerning* him that hath so done this deed,

2. Christ is not saying (or doing) what _____ people do with these verses. What does He mean? Verses 2-5 explain, by way of application.

B. Matthew 7:2-5 - For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. Matt. 7:3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Matt. 7:4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam *is* in thine own eye? Matt. 7:5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

1. Verse 2 says that if they judge too quickly, they are going to get back the same. Christ is warning them - if they have a bad attitude that is causing their criticism and judgment of others, what they dish out to people will come right _____ on them.
2. It is to see something _____ in another's life and criticize and condemn him for it. While at the same time, you have enough problems in your own life that you need to take care of - _____ crite! What about us?

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.

*Remember, there isn't anything that we see someone else do wrong that we are not capable of doing _____selves under the right circumstances. We are all flesh and have a _____ful nature.

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.

I Corinthians 10:12 - Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

3. Verse 5 tells them to get themselves right first, then they can _____ someone else.
 - a. *In the Tribulation, there will be those brethren who are having it hard and are in poverty (fatherless-widows). They are not to criticize these folks, thinking it is because of their sin! There will be those who suffer problems, judgment, persecution, famine, want, and poverty for doing _____.
 - b. *|Don't be hypocritical and self-righteous from the basis that you are better than others. Have *|a godly and _____ attitude to always help others.

**This is a good application for us today.

C. Matthew 7:6 - Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

1. Don't just throw what you have that is holy to just anybody, without any discrimination or discernment. At this moment in time, Israel was _____ to go to everyone with her message. If they did, it could come back and bite them - and it _____ (Jewish leaders and Romans).

Matthew 10:1, 5-7 - And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Matt. 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: Matt. 10:6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Matt. 10:7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

*This shows that the dispensation we (Gentiles) are in today certainly is _____ in effect in these verses! You cannot have a ministry that is _____ cluding the Gentiles and then say it is to the Gentiles.

2. Here it is dealing with Israel's program, the kingdom message, with signs and wonders. The 12, at this moment in time, are commanded (not a suggestion) to _____ go to the Gentiles.

*There are a couple of interpretations for "dogs" and "swine".

- a. It could be referring to _____ teachers.

Matthew 7:15 - Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

II Peter 2:22, 1 - 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. 2Peter 2:1 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.

*How would they know they were dogs and swine if they did not _____ ?

- b. But I lean toward "dogs" are Gentiles, while "swine" are Samaritans (Matthew 10:5).

(1) We know that prophecies include Gentiles in the _____. But right here, the need was for Israel to be saved _____, then go to the Samaritans and Gentiles.

- (2) Christ knew the Gentiles and Samaritans, at this time, would _____ or respond negatively to their message. Plus, God has His plan of _____ this would take place and they must follow it.

1 Peter 2:12 - Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Acts 1:8 - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

D. Matthew 7:7-11 - Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: Matt. 7:8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Matt. 7:9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Matt. 7:10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? Matt. 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

1. How is the Jewish remnant going to be able to discern, in order to do all that has been said in chapters 5-7? Christ is exhorting them to take hold of their privilege of _____ ing as Israel's apostles and remnant. Their prayers would be based upon the _____ Covenant.

Luke 11:13 - If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

John 7:38-39 - He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. John 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given: because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Acts 4:31 - And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

2. Understand that the nation Israel was under a _____ - chastisement for her grievous sins. God would not respond to her prayers. They did not have this right.

Isaiah 1:15, 59:1-2 - And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Isa. 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: Isa. 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Jeremiah 7:16 - Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.

Ezekiel 8:18 - Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

3. However, this believing remnant did have this privilege and promises - a _____ taste.

Matthew 18:19 - Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 21:22 - And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

John 14:13-14 - And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

Mark 11:22-24 - And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

****In the kingdom:** Isaiah 65:24-25 - And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. Isa. 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust *shall be* the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

4. Unfortunately most of Christendom, not rightly dividing, claim these verses and that has led to un-believable _____ fusion and heartache.

*They ask and don't receive. This disheartens and discourages them. So they pray _____, claim by faith, and demand of _____ - but again failure! Why? It is because they are claiming promises that were _____ given to them!

5. Notice how we pray in today's dispensation of grace (Body of Christ).

Romans 8:26 - Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

II Corinthians 12:8-9 - For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 2Cor. 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Romans 8:28-29 - And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. Rom. 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Ephesians 3:20 - Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Philippians 4:6-7 - Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

E. Matthew 7:12 - Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

1. [Therefore] is His conclusion on what He has said in 7:1-11. This verse is often called the Golden Rule.

*That is the plan of salvation for _____ of modern religion in America and the world today. They say this is the religion they believe in. Yet, no _____ keeps it! Any atheist could accept this statement alone and try to do it in his _____ strength.

2. This was the summation of kingdom living - Christ raising the law's standard higher. The _____ way they could fulfill this kind of behavior is to have verses 7-11.

Matthew 22:36-40 - Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law? Matt. 22:37 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. Matt. 22:38 This is the first and great commandment. Matt. 22:39 And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Matt. 22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

- F. Matthew 7:13-14 - Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Matt. 7:14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

*Here Christ gives two alternatives to the Israelites (context).

1. There is Christ's Way:

- *Is narrow-straight
- *Believe He is the Son of God, _____
- *Repent and be _____
- *Live the kingdom lifestyle
- *It is a _____ remnant [few]
- *The Acts persecution and the Tribulation
2/3 of Israel, but 1/3 will have _____
in the kingdom.

2. There is Apostate Israel's Way:

- *Israel's unbelief, apostasy is broad, wide,
_____ to get in and believe in.
- *It is religion-_____ -traditions of its
religious leaders.
- *Many (most) of Israel will follow this and
be destroyed - _____.

Note: Eternal life is synonymous with eternal living in the kingdom.

Matthew 19:27-29 - Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? Matt. 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Matt. 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.