

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021

Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 51. Pearls before Swine – Matthew 7:6

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Intro: Jesus includes a final statement related to judging rightly and wrongly. He has admonished us not to judge in such a way that we could be judged for the way we judged. Then He instructed us to remove the plank from our own eye before we attempt speck removal for someone else. Now He gives a specific illustration that underlines the importance of judging (discerning) rightly.

- I. Dogs and Pigs
 - A. Not Domesticated – wild scavengers, dangerous
 - B. The Epitome of Everything Unclean and Outside the Camp – Lev. 11:7; Psa. 22:16; Phil. 3:2; Rev. 22:15
 - C. Treacherous
 1. Trample under foot – they do not value the valuable and will indiscriminately destroy it
 2. Tear to pieces – give them what they want of they will turn on you and take it
- II. Holy and Pearls
 - A. Pertaining or Belonging to God
 1. Sacrifices – holy part, God’s portion
 2. Sanctified – consecrated, set apart – 1 Cor. 1:2
 3. Saints – holy people – 1 Cor. 1:2
 - B. The Word and Works (Blessings) of God (More on this in Point III)
 - C. The Gospel – Matt. 13:45-46
 1. When evangelizing, know when to move on – Matt. 10:14; Acts 18:6
 2. They won’t all believe, they weren’t all meant to believe – Jesus taught in Parables – Matt. 13:10-17
- III. The Word of God and the Lost Man
 - A. The Word Condemns the Lost – John 12:46-48
 - B. The Word of God Cannot Be Obeyed by the Lost – “applying principles”
 1. Faith is Required – Rom. 14:23; Heb. 11:6
 2. The Carnal Mind and Natural Man are God’s Enemies – Rom. 8:6-8
 3. These Things are Spiritually Discerned – 1 Cor. 2:13-16
 - C. The Word of God Contradicts the False Religion of Therapeutic Moralistic Deism
 1. The Cosmic Therapist
 2. Be Good – the moral of moralism
 - a. Be happy
 - b. Be comfortable
 - c. Be entertained
 - d. Be self-esteem centered
 3. God is useful but not necessary, a servant but not sovereign
 - D. Antagonistic Ambivalence
 1. Some are antagonistic toward the gospel
 2. Some are ambivalent toward the gospel
 3. Some are actively and aggressively ambivalent fighting to stay in the dark – they believe God’s Word is foolishness and those who believe it are ignorant
 4. Sometimes we must shake the dust and move on – leave them to God
 5. Keep sowing the seed – 2 Cor. 9:10-11

Cross References

Leviticus 11:7

7 and the swine, though it divides the hoof, having cloven hooves, yet does not chew the cud, is unclean to you.

Psalm 22:16

16 For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;

Philippians 3:2

2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!

Revelation 22:15

15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

1 Corinthians 1:2

2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

Matthew 13:45-46

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, 46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 10:14

14 And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.

Acts 18:6

6 But when they opposed him and blasphemed, he shook his garments and said to them, “Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

Matthew 13:10-17

10 And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” 11 He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: ‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes

and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.’ 16 But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; 17 for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

John 12:46-48

46 I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

Romans 14:23

23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

Hebrews 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Romans 8:6-8

6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

1 Corinthians 2:13-16

13 These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

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