

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021

Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 50. Speck and Plank – Matthew 7:3-5

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Intro: The theme now in chapter 7 is judgment, exercising discernment and living in light of eternity. Everything we do will be judged and we will give an account.

- I. The Bothersome and the Blinding – vs. 3
 - A. Speck – splinter, saw dust
 - B. Plank – log, beam
 - C. Perspective – one bothers, the other blinds
- II. Why Do You Look, but Don't Consider? – vs. 3
 - A. Your Brother's Eye and Your Eye
 - B. Blind Leaders – Matt. 15:12-14; Isa. 64:6
- III. How Can You Say? – vs. 4
 - A. Speck Remover
 - B. Unfit yet Unaware
 - C. Start with Yourself
- IV. First Things First – vs. 5
 - A. Hypocrite – CHS Quote
 - B. Remove Your Plank
 1. Keep a short sin list – 1 Tim. 1:3-7
 2. Take sin seriously – Matt. 5:23-24; 18:8-9; 15:18-19
 3. Now you can see clearly – Matt. 6:22-23
 - C. Remove Your Brother's Speck
 1. Attitude for Speck Removal – Gal. 6:1
 2. Tools for Speck Removal – 2 Tim. 3:16-17
 3. Actions for Speck Removal – 1 Thess. 5:14-15; Psa. 139:23-24; 51:1-4, 12-13

Cross References

Matthew 15:12-14

12 Then His disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” 13 But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14 Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”

Isaiah 64:6

6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

1 Timothy 1:3-7

3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, 4 nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith. 5 Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, 6 from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

Matthew 5:23-24

23 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 18:8-9

8 “If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.

Matthew 15:18-19

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

Matthew 6:22-23

22 “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

Galatians 6:1

6 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. 15 See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

Psalm 139:23-24

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; 24 And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 51:1-4

51 Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. 4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

Psalm 51:12-13

12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

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