

Introduction

- I. In this text, Jesus brings to an end His instruction concerning judging.
- II. Jesus' instruction about judging would be incomplete if verse 6 were omitted. Jesus gives further instruction on the right kind of judging we are to do.

Called to Spiritual Judgment

I. *The Meaning*

A. The Lord Jesus Christ instructs us concerning the right way spiritually to discriminate between people.

1. He speaks of "that which is holy." What does Jesus refer to?

2. Jesus says about these holy, precious things that they must not be thrown to dogs and hogs.

B. Jesus issues a command to the church. What does this mean for us? When we find those who reject the gospel, we must not continue to set before them holy things. (Matt. 10:14, 15, 23; Acts 13:46; 18:6).

II. *The Application*

A. As we consider those who are dogs or hogs, as identified by the text, we are reminded of the devastating effects of total depravity upon man.

B. The text emphasizes to us the importance of dealing with impenitent sinners in a right way and the importance of guarding the table of the Lord.

III. *The Reason*

A. Think about pearls on swine. The two don't go together.

B. Therefore, this command of Jesus must be followed for the defense of the church and the gospel.