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Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 49. Judge Not! – Matthew 7:1-2

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Introduction: A summary of the Sermon thus far – Chapter 5 gives us the character of a Christian, beginning with his experience of grace (blessed = a recipient of divine favor) and the fruit born in his life as a result. We also see how he is to live in the world as the world reacts to him, and his calling to be salt and light. Christ also corrected the erroneous teaching of the Pharisees about the law. In chapter 6 we see how to live in relation to the Father, doing our “righteousness” for Him and not for the world to see and take notice (giving, praying, fasting). We also see the danger of worldliness and worry. 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. What is it to Judge?
 - A. Wrongly – James 4:11
 1. To unjustly condemn
 2. To be hypercritical
 3. To assume or assign motives
 4. To have a self-righteous spirit
 - B. Rightly – John 7:24
 1. To scrutinize
 2. To make a decision
 3. To discern
 - C. Who is to Judge?
 1. The State (Government) – Rom. 13:1-7
 2. The Church – Discipline
 - a. Determining Truth and Righting Wrongs – 1 Cor. 6:2-5
 - b. Private Sins - Matt. 18:15-20
 - c. Public Sins – 1 Tim. 5:19-21
 - d. Identifying Error and False Teaching
 - 1) Denying the Resurrection – 1 Cor. 15:12; 2 Tim. 2:17-18
 - 2) Denying the Gospel – Gal. 1:6-9
 - 3) Causing Division – Rom. 16:17; Titus 3:10-11
 - 4) Sins in the Church – 1 Cor. 5:9-13; 2 John 1:7-10; 2 Cor. 12:20-21; 2 Tim. 3:2-5
 3. You – Judge yourselves! – 1 Cor. 11:31; 1 Cor. 2:15
- II. Judge Not – vs. 1
 - A. What This Cannot Mean
 1. Do Not Ever Judge – see Matt. 7:6, 15-16
 2. Stop Exercising Discernment – Phil. 1:9-11
 3. Forego Discipline in the Church – Heb. 12:7-11
 4. Do Not Separate Truth from Error – I John 4:6
 - B. What This Does Mean
 1. “Judge in a way that you cannot be judged for wrongdoing in your judgment.” – CHS
 2. Judge Rightly – John 7:24
 - a. Gal. 6:1 – restore gently, watching for temptation
 - b. Rom. 14:1-13 – don’t make minor issues major
 - c. Luke 12:57-58 – be eager to make peace
 - d. 1 Cor. 4:5 – in the right time
- III. Judging and Being Judged – vs. 2
 - A. Remember Who the Ultimate Judge Is – 2 Tim. 4:1-2; 1 Peter 4:1-5

- B. Remember, You Will Be Judged – Rom. 14:4, 10-12
- C. Remember, As You Judge, You Will be Judged
 - 1. If you assume and impute motives to others, they will do so to you
 - 2. “Those around you will pick up the peck measure you have been using, and measure your corn with it.” – CHS
- D. A Test for Judging Rightly
 - 1. Is it prejudice or principle? (personal preference on secondary matters are not meant to cause division and disfellowshipping)
 - 2. Is it personality or principle? (are they being bold or difficult?)
 - 3. Does it even concern us? – Prov. 26:17
 - 4. Do we have all the facts? – Prov. 18:13
 - 5. Could We Stand Up to the Same Scrutiny? – Rom. 2:1-4

Cross References

James 4:11

11 Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

John 7:24

24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”

Romans 13:1-7

13 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. 5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

1 Corinthians 6:2-5

2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? 4 If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge? 5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren?

Matthew 18:15-20

15 “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ 17 And if he refuses to hear them,

tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. 18 “Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

1 Timothy 5:19-21

19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses. 20 Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear. 21 I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

1 Corinthians 15:12

12 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

2 Timothy 2:17-18

17 And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, 18 who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.

Galatians 1:6-9

6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Romans 16:17

17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

Titus 3:10-11

10 Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, 11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

9 I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. 10 Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. 11 But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person. 12 For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? 13 But those who are outside God judges. Therefore “put away from yourselves the evil person.”

2 John 7-10

7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward. 9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

2 Corinthians 12:20-21

20 For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest there be contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults; 21 lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and I shall mourn for many who have sinned before and have not repented of the uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness which they have practiced.

2 Timothy 3:2-5

2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

1 Corinthians 11:31

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

1 Corinthians 2:15

15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

Matthew 7:6

6 “Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

Matthew 7:15-16

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits.

Philippians 1:9-11

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Hebrews 12:7-11

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

1 John 4:6

6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

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.

Romans 14:1-13

14 Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. 2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. 3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. 4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. 5 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." 12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. 13 Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.

Luke 12:57-58

57 "Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right? 58 When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.

1 Corinthians 4:5

5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

2 Timothy 4:1-2

4 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

1 Peter 4:1-5

4 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 3 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. 4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. 5 They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

Romans 4:4

4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

Romans 4:10-12

10 How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised. 11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also, 12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

Proverbs 26:17

17 He who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own Is like one who takes a dog by the ears.

Proverbs 18:13

13 He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him.

Romans 2:1-4

2 Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. 2 But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. 3 And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? 4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

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