

Chapter Seven

The Sermon on the Mount – Part 3

I. Introduction to Chapter 7

- A. This is part three of Jesus' great series on Godly living
- B. It is directed at Jews, but He is pulling them in the direction of following HIM
- C. These truths that Jesus presents are so profound, and absolutely the greatest truths ever presented, even above those in the Old Testament!

II. Lesson

A. Jesus Teaches About _____ People (7:1-5)

1. What a mis-quoted verse is 7:1!
2. Notice that Jesus is NOT commanding people to not judge
3. To judge is to discern and make conclusions about the righteousness or wrongness of something; to examine something cautiously
4. We HAVE to judge, especially if we are ever appointed as JUDGES (Dt 16:18,19)
5. You judge every day:
6. "Metre" is metre, measurement
 - a. However you judge people is the same that will be judged of you
 - b. The more condemnation on someone means the more you have the potential to be condemned as well
7. Beholding the mote, splinter – able to see small problems in other people's lives. This is our favourite past time when backslidden, or lost, as it was with the Pharisees
8. You had better have a good look at yourself FIRST (James 1:23-25)
9. Principles of judging:
 - a. Don't PRE-judge someone or something: i.e. judging a matter before you hear the whole matter (John 7:51)
 - b. Not according to how something or someone appears (John 7:24; Dt 1:16,17)
 - c. Judge without partiality (James 2:1-4; Pr 24:23)
 - d. Judge according to the Scriptures (John 12:48; 14:24) is something right or wrong as expressed in the Scripture?
 - e. Judge thoughtfully
 - f. Judge compassionately
 - g. Judge personally – judge yourself first (John 8; 1Cor 11:28), and judge as if YOU were the one being judged

B. Jesus Teaches about _____ God's Investment In Your Life (7:6)

1. The dogs and pigs are unbelievers
2. What is holy is referring to the things clean and good in your life
3. Like:
 - a. Your body (1Cor 6:19,20)
 - b. Your mind
 - c. Your health
 - d. Your best efforts – don't waste them on pigs (worldly friends)
 - e. The will of God for your life – your future – don't blow it by a season of "fun"
 - f. Your children and your family should not be given over to the world! God gave them to YOU to train up and raise as a godly generation!
4. What has God given to you that is holy? Protect it and keep it from being trashed by the world!
5. All the world and the devil want is to trample good things, and holy things, and they will only tear you to bits!

C. Jesus Teaches More About _____ (7:7-11)

1. Three verbs that explain prayer

- a. Asking (James 4:1-4)
 - b. Seeking. God doesn't just "bless" you. He waits for you to seek His blessing (instead of the world's blessing). Seek after God, and His will to be done! Seek for His power, His will.
 - c. Knocking. The door may seem closed, but if you would just knock, it will open to you, when you are looking for God's will for your life
 - d. All of them obtain what they seek
2. Jesus then compares God the Father to being MUCH better than any earthly human father
 - a. Ask for bread, and generally no man would give his son a stone
 - b. Ask for fish, and no man would give his son a serpent
 3. Jesus judges mankind – we are EVIL, and yet do good things for people
 4. If God is GOOD, how can He do any wrong then towards us
 5. The principle:
 - a. If God does NOT give you what you ask for in prayer, it will always be only because He deems it not necessary... at least yet
 - b. Evidently, it is not good for you, no matter how you may see it – God knows best!
 - c. But God will give you good things – that is for sure!
- D. Jesus Teaches _____ (7:12)**
1. This is an extension of His teaching on prayer
 2. We usually only limit it to us treating OTHERS, which is good, but the context is us treating the GREAT Other the best if we want Him to treat us the best!
 3. Jesus implies, if you want God to treat you well, then treat others well!
 4. At least, treat others better than they deserve, and people will treat you better than you deserve!
- E. Jesus Teaches That His Way is Not an _____ - But it is the Right Way (7:13,14)**
1. Jesus plainly asked people to follow Him
 2. Two pathways to follow
 - a. Strait gate
 - b. Wide gate
 3. Jesus is the Door, but the path up to Him can be hard
 4. And once a person is saved, the ChrKistian life turns out to be pretty hard as well!
- F. Warning About False _____ (7:15-20)**
1. The word prophet originally means one who foretells future events.
 2. A false prophet falsely and unjustly claims to have divine inspiration.
 3. Who come in sheep's clothing - The sheep is an emblem of innocence, sincerity, and harmlessness. To come in sheep's clothing is to assume the appearance of sanctity and innocence, when the heart is evil.
 4. Ravening wolves - voraciously devouring; hungry even to rage.
 5. False teachers and false prophets assumed the appearance of holiness in order that they might the more readily get the property of the people. They were full of extortion and excess. See Mat 23:25.
 6. There were always plenty of false prophets
 7. False teachers are just as bad as false prophets (2Pet 2:1)
 8. How to identify false prophets – ye shall know them by their FRUITS:
 - a. Their prophecies are not 100% true
 - b. They contradict the already written word of God (Isa 8:20)
 - c. They try and get believers to believe another Gospel (Gal 1:6-9), or to follow another God, or another Christ
 - d. They are loved by the majority (Jer 5:31; Luke 6:26)
 - e. They love coveteousness (Jer 6:13; 8:10)
 - f. They naturally lie about just about everything (Jer 14:14)
 - g. They never preach against sin (Lam 2:14)
 - h. The closer we get to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, the more false prophets will arise (Mt 24:11)

- i. They will perform great miracles and signs and wonders – real ones (Mt 24:24), but in order to usher in the antichrist, NOT Jesus Christ
 - j. They will not permit themselves to be tested (1John 4:1)
9. There is coming ONE big, bad false prophet in the future – the forerunner of the antichrist (Rev 16:13; 19:20)
10. Check for fruit
- a. If someone has no clear, simple testimony of CONVERSION then they are a faker
 - b. If someone has never led a soul to Christ, they are either backslidden or lost
 - c. If someone is not under a pastor and a solid member of a Bible believing church, then they are a fraud and should not be listened to, no feared
11. Bad trees (frauds), shall be burned in hell

G. Jesus Warns About False _____ (7:21-27)

1. It's bad enough having false leaders in a religious movement
2. But it is even worse to have false believers!
3. If you believe a lie, it is YOUR fault!
4. You had better examine yourselves and see if you are in the faith (2Cor 13:5)
5. Because
 - a. Not everyone who knows the “lingo” or has head knowledge is a Christian
 - b. Using the names of God means absolutely nothing
 - c. Only those who actually live by the Book and obey God are getting into heaven
 - d. People who can do miracles can be, like Judas, DAMNED!
6. Here is where Arminius (Arminians), and Pentacostals say is proof a person can lose their salvation!
7. But it plainly teaches they never were saved to begin with, even though they had all the signs and powers of a prophet, a healer, a “Christian”
8. Jesus compares false and true believers with Builders
 - a. They built homes
 - b. They both experienced storms
 - c. But only one house remained through every storm
 - d. And that because the house was founded, built, anchored to the ROCK!
 - e. Proves that peter was not the Rock! Jesus is the Rock

H. _____ Jesus Taught (7:28,29)

1. He said what needed to be said
2. He taught as doctrine, not hip-philosophy and opinion
3. He taught with authority
4. He spoke loud and clear
5. He took passages of Scripture that people were not living, and expounded them more perfectly
6. He never corrected the Scriptures, only the audience
7. This is how ALL teachers of the Bible must teach!

III. Questions from Chapter 7