PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

January 9, 2022

Sermons from the Sermon - Lesson 10 Judging Others (Matthew 7:1-6)

We continue our series from the Sermon on the Mount called *Sermons from the Sermon* with a section that deals with judging others. What things do we need to learn from this passage about our dealings with others in this life?



1. C______ - What does Jesus mean by "Judge not"? (1)

> He is NOT prohibiting moral discernment (i.e., right and wrong)

Consider passages such as Matthew 7:5-6, 15-20; John 7:4; Ephesians 5:11; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5; Galatians 1:8-9; Philippians 1:9-10; and 1 John 4:1. In each of these passages there is either an instruction that can only be followed if we make a moral discernment or explicit instruction to use moral discernment. This can't be what Jesus is teaching against.

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> He IS prohibiting hypercriticism and hypocrisy

Hypercriticism and hypocrisy are characterized by (2 Samuel 12:1-2; Romans 14:10-13; James 4:11-12):

- A critical, judgmental spirit, with a readiness to blame others
- Rash or hasty judgements with no empathy for others
- Magnifying the errors of others
- Judging others for the same things we are doing
- Exalting ourselves while looking down on others

2. C______ - Why should we NOT judge others? (1-5)

> We are NOT the judge, and NOT qualified to be the judge (1)

If we are in danger of being judged, then it means that we are not the judge! Why are we not the judge (**Romans 14:4; James 4:11-12**)?

NOTHING IN THIS WORLD CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF PERSISTENCE.
TALENT WILL NOT; NOTHING IS MORE COMMON THAN UNSUCCESSFUL MEN WITH TALENT. GENIUS WILL NOT; UNREWARDED GENIUS IS ALMOST A PROVERB. EDUCATION WILL NOT; THE WORLD IS FULL OF EDUCATED DERELICTS.

PERSISTENCE AND
DETERMINATION ALONE ARE OMNIPOTENT.

- CALVIN COOLIDGE

- We're not qualified as we don't know other's heart or motive
- There is only one Lawgiver and Judge (it's not us)
- A servant can only be judged by their master

> God will judge us by the same standard we use to judge (2)

Jesus has already dealt with this concept repeatedly in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:7, 6:12, 14-15).

> We are guilty of the same things (or worse than) we identify in others (3-5)

- We should know our own sins better than anyone else's (3)
- It is hypocritical to focus on other's sins more than our own (4)
- We cannot help others until we first address our own sin (5a)
- Jesus calls us to help others rather than judge them (5b)

Consider Romans 2:1; Galatians 6:1-5; James 2:12-13

3. C_____ - What about those who refuse help? (6)

> We cannot force the Gospel on others

God has given us the ability to choose, and many will choose to ignore His plan. We cannot choose for them (Matthew 7:13-14, 24-27).

> We must be careful with those who treat the Gospel with contempt

The Gospel is precious (holy, pearls), and we must take care not to provide the means for it to be trampled by those who treat it with contempt (Proverbs 9:8, 23:9).

SERVING TODAY (January 9, 2022)

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP

Read:J. GuptonRead:S. ShattoPrayer:R. MayoWait On Table:E. Walker

Serve: D. Demonbreun, J. Walker

Prayer: M. Reed

PRAYER LIST

- Freddie Brown is being treated for liver cancer
- John Hayes had another stroke, but is doing well at home
- Pat Agee, Tim's father, has started therapy
- Isabel Johnson, 16-year-old friend of the Agees, is awaiting a stem cell transplant
- Sympathy to the Thonda Jones family in her passing
- Jim Sims
 continues to deal
 with cancer
- Continue to remember
 Kristine Garrett,
 Faye Waller,
 and Ann Reed