

Matthew: Jesus, The King of Kings

## In Danger of the Judgment

Matthew 5:21-26

Previously:

- **Beatitudes** - supreme blessedness, or happiness
- **Salt & light**

*"The spreading of the gospel depends on the people in the pew. You have access to people your pastor never will." - Pastor Mike Winger*

*I was going to go farther today, but felt compelled to slow down for these next two sections...*

**The 10 Commandments**

**Read Exodus 20:1-17**

**The purpose of the command is to protect life - life between us and God and us and others.**

**And it shows we're not perfect.**

**Life inside vs. life outside**

- Life inside isn't the prison. Life outside is.
- Inside is the feast. Outside has weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**Today:**

**Our life inside vs. outside**

**Matthew 23, whitewashed tombs**

Probably a reason we tend to be plastic to other people at church or in our lives, don't let people close, etc.

**1 Samuel 16:7 NKJV - But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For [the LORD does] not [see] as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."**

**1 Samuel 13:14b NKJV - The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart**

**Noah** - in a world ripe for judgment (always fighting, hating, etc.),

**Lot** - God looking in S&G and only finding him

[Pray]

## 5:21-22

**Danger of the judgment - final judgment**

**Raca - senseless, empty headed men - term of reproach**

Idiot! Fool!

Can be fun to jest with close friends as guys, as long as it doesn't cross a line of crassness or rudeness

**We judge people when we call them things.**

*We're saying "there's no hope for you" - I've decided. "Damning" them*

*Tongue in James and last Wed in Proverbs 16*

**Danger?**

**James 3:8-12 NKJV - But no man can tame the tongue. [It is] an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring send forth fresh [water] and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.**

**What proceeds out of us...proceeds from our... heart**

*So NO! Don't follow your heart! You can feel things welling up from it when situations get heated. Things are said or done.*

**Luke 6:43-45 NKJV - "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. "For every tree is known by its own fruit. For [men] do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.**

*Log in our own eyes ... More fingers pointed back*

**The connection between murder outwardly and hate inwardly**

Cain & Abel

Comparison of sacrifices

**Am I my brother's keeper?** Casting off his own responsibility for his brother

**We have responsibility, to some degree, to the people around us**  
**Spiritually and physically**

*My wife, my kids, my neighbors, my coworkers - those at church*  
*This is how society is built up - family, tribe, neighborhood, town, city, country*

**With our own allegiances and priorities.**

They must take the right precedence  
 No, it doesn't take a village to raise a child, it takes a family

But by families a village is run with success or razed to the ground

**It's no wonder our society is falling apart!**

**We have no allegiance to anything but ourselves!**

**We'd rather video than intervene**

**And when we intervene we get sued or arrested - even by the government, the village, itself.**

*Raca, fool, idiot ... Thinking these things, saying these things, provoking them.*  
*We have free speech - but once we say something, it's very hard to undo. It begins to solidify our heart's position*

*Finally the huge outburst boils over and things around get ruined*  
*The lid has to be let off the kettle, but in the right ways, in the right places.*

***We must pray!***

**Very hard verse...**

**Ephesians 4:26-27 NKJV - "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.**

**We're going to get angry.**

*Drive of a child to say I HATE YOU to parents. Pent up anger (right or wrong), being provoked to it by evil parenting*

**BUT angry without cause**

Inconsiderably  
 Without purpose  
 Without just cause  
 In vain

*Sometimes people just like to fight, and can have beef for no reason*

**When we hate someone for no reason other than our prejudice of them  
 Or what we've heard of them  
 Or just that they're different  
 And we all do it, or have done it**

*There's right and wrong prejudice. It's definitely a safety measure for us, built in, to not be naive, to not trust the criminal looking guy. But we have to be smart enough to realize that looks can be deceiving.*

*And our true allies are ones in the faith, and they can look like anyone and be from anywhere and have come from any walk of life.*

## **:23-24**

### **Gift to the altar**

- Worship
- Prayer
- Service
- Church!

*Go deal with it. Having to go talk to my wife even when worship was going on, without distracting others.*

**Deuteronomy 28:23 NKJV - "And your heavens which [are] over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you [shall be] iron."**

**Are you not hearing from God? Is your prayer life disconnected, empty, feel like you're unheard?**

**God might be saying to go make things right with your brother  
 This doesn't mean everyone.**

**People will always have problems with you, especially if you're a believer and they're not.  
 You're automatically at odds in morals, values, direction of life.**

**But of the household of God? We must make amends.**

Doesn't mean things will be fixed. Doesn't mean you'll be best friends.  
But it means there is repentance, asking for forgiveness, and at least an attempt to make amends.

### **Quoted recently**

**Romans 12:18 NKJV - *If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.***

At the end of the day there's only so much you can do.  
Do what you can, but at some point, we have to let it be.

We may have to let it be, walk away and pray, and hope that things can be amended in the future.

## **:25-26**

**Getting sued! Probably the worst thing to worry about.  
Our society is lawsuit happy!**

*Accident*

*OJ found guilty in civil suit*

**Agree with your adversary quickly!  
an opponent in a suit of law**

Settle out of court, if possible!  
*Especially in our day and age, who can rely on the courts, on juries and their logic?*

**Jail worse, in a sense, in their day**

Not state funded, you have to pay. Family has to feed you.  
And pay off the debt. How will they do that?  
Sounds like a death sentence over what?

**More on this in a coming study...**

**Matthew 5:40 NKJV - "If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have [your] cloak also."**

**Why do we sue other believers?**

**1 Cor 6:1-11**

**DGC**

*Unrighteous is literally unjust, in the sense of "not justified before God, not saved." Why are the Corinthian Christians trying to find justice from those who aren't justified before God?*

*i. Paul is using the term unrighteous in a religious sense, not a moral sense. It isn't that Corinthian judges were necessarily bad judges, but they were not Christians.*

**No matter how good the world is at discerning practical matters, wisdom in the law...they are completely clueless in the things of God and the Spirit.**

**So why do we go to them? It is a bad witness!**

**Wouldn't it better to be wronged by a believer than to go to court and truly drag the name of Christ through the mud?**

That's all the world will see - not the legal matter - but that two professing "Christians" can't get along so bad they want to suit each other for money and rights

**John 13:35 NKJV - "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."**

**The saints will judge the world!**

Millennial reign, final judgment seated with Christ

- *Moses and the people's questions*
- *Jethro's advice*
- *Levels!*
- *Lower courts to supreme court*

**Misquoted, or at least partially quoted, all the time.**

**Matthew 18:15-20 NKJV - "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. "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.' "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. "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. "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. "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."**

**This verse about being in the midst is about church family discipline!**

**We need to be able to work things out amongst ourselves, family!**

**You and I, in our own lives, in our families, in our churches, in our cities...  
need to grow up.**

Need to stop playing the victim and do what is right.  
Stop looking for others to meet our needs  
And be the ones to go the extra mile

**The only way this happens...is with the blood of Jesus. The truth of God's word.**

**Why else would we do these things?**

If it weren't true, then do what the world does - fight for your own right to do whatever you want.  
Bring people to court and beat them to get what you're owed out of them.  
Lie, cheat, steal, murder - do it all to make sure you're cared for.

**But it is true.**

**This is the gospel.**

That we did all of that to Jesus, and we're the ones who are rewarded for turning to him. Not facing the judgment. The judgment in fact taken away.

He never called you "raca"  
He never murdered you for your sin against him  
If he sued you, you'd never be able to pay it all

*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe  
Sin had left its crimson stain, he washed it white as snow*