

Matthew: Jesus, The King of Kings

## With What Judgment

Matthew 7:1-6

Proverbs of Solomon

Sayings of Jesus - logos - doctrine, teaching, word uttered by a living voice

Underneath it all - God is saying "I love you."

Jeremiah 31:3 NKJV - The LORD has appeared of old to me, [saying]: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you."

Previously:

- Jesus left the crowds from the healings
- The **Sermon on the Mount**
- **Jesus says hard things: It's not condemnation, it's revelation.**
- Lamp of the Body (seeing with the eyes), Serving God or Riches, Do not worry

Today:

- Do Not Judge
- The Holy and the Dogs

Today we're talking about a hot topic

Controversial in our day and age

*The rot is so bad. We don't hate it enough.*

Calling people out, or not?

Say it like it is, or not?

[Pray]

## 7:1-5

Judge - krino

- to pronounce an opinion concerning right and wrong
- to rule, govern
- to contend together, of warriors and combatants, dispute
- Forensic - go to law, suit of law

### **Judge based on what? The rules. The law.**

Car racings, sports, speed limits, rules of engagement - in bounds, out of bounds (tennis, football, hockey over the goal line)

*Judge Dredd - immediate "justice"*

### **Who made the law? God.**

**Moses, God gives ten commandments** - he immediately breaks them all

### **Judging between the people - Jethro gives better advice**

10s, 100s, 1000s, etc.

### **The purpose of the Law**

**Galatians 3:19-25 NKJV - What purpose then [does] the law [serve]? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; [and it was] appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator does not [mediate] for one [only], but God is one. [Is] the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor [to bring us] to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.**

### **Faith fulfills the law.**

Obedience fulfills the letter of the law.

Faith lives out the spirit of the law.

**John 13:34-35 NKJV - "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."**

*It's not our obedience that defines us disciples. But our love.*

*But if we love God, we will obey him.*

### **One mediator**

**1 Timothy 2:5-6 NKJV - For [there is] one God and one Mediator between God and men, [the] Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,**

### **We have a lawyer. A great high priest.**

When the enemy condemns, Jesus justifies - by His blood through our faith in Him

**Romans 8:33-34 NKJV - Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? [It is] God who justifies. Who [is] he who condemns? [It is] Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.**

### **Christ as Judge - bema seat**

*One to everlasting hellfire, permanent judgment*

*One to everlasting reward*

Judgment of a crime vs.

Judgment of a prize

## **Judgment to condemnation vs judgment of discernment**

**The difference? One is playing God. The other is a fruit inspector.**

*Shopping for produce*

### **Why Not?**

#### **1 - We're not God**

Paul - I will not judge another man's servant

God has the final say.

I cannot see their heart. But I can see their fruit.

Paul also calls out those who need discipline, need separation, those who have caused harm, who teach harmful things, even doctrines of demons

To stay away.

### **Protect the flock**

Racial profiling, stereotyping - cautious until verified

Checks, pen on money

**Determining what is real vs counterfeit (knowing the real makes it easy to spot a fake)**

### **Tares and the wheat**

**Matthew 13:24-30 NKJV - Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; "but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. "But when the grain had**

sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. "So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' "He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' "But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 'Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ' "

That within the church, there are those who love God truly and those who don't  
We can't always tell who is genuine and not

"Know them by their love for one another"

### **Spiritual Fruit inspection**

**Galatians 5:16-26 NKJV - I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told [you] in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those [who are] Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.**

### **Immaturity vs. maturity**

Build each other up - but that sometimes requires calling each other out  
We also can't stay immature forever

### **Do not be fooled - cannot inherit!**

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NKJV - Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.**

It's simple. You can't claim to be a Christian and continue in sin.  
We are supposed to sharpen each other.

We can say the same thing in two ways - loving or condemning

**Although even when we say something in a loving way, someone in sin will take it as condemnation BECAUSE they love their sin more than God**

**1 Peter 2:15-16 NKJV - For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men-- as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.**

Grace is not an excuse for sin. But grace has its place, especially in aiding in repentance.

“Go and sin no more.”

**2- Don't judge... Because it will be measured back to you**

*Pointing a finger, several pointing back*

**Judgment and measurement**

**Unjust scales in the market - barter system, “worth its weight in gold”**

*Look at a gas pump the next time you're getting gas - there's a certification of weights and measures*

**Proverbs 11:1 NKJV - Dishonest scales [are] an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight [is] His delight.**

**Nobody wants to be judged! When we go to court, we want leniency! But when we see someone else in court, we want the book thrown at them.**

*Jury duty, scary what our “peers” will do.*

**But, Justice should be swift and just**

*Boy who was kidnapped and abused by his karate teacher, dad killed the teacher. Who was also one of his good friends.*

*Was only given (more) community service. The adult son now recounts a story of seeing someone who looked like the guy and froze. Dad - “I didn't”*

*Never has to run into him anywhere. That's justice. That awful chapter is closed.*

**So as Christians, do we judge?**

*Don't judge me bro*

**Yes. If we, the church, God's people, who know the living God, aren't allowed to determine right from wrong, call a spade a spade, point out good from evil, determine what justice is, who can? The spiritually blind? The lost in sin?**

**How will they come to the truth if we don't proclaim it!**

*We hate the courts when they don't...judge rightly. It's their job!  
We hate the police when they don't...carry out the law. It's their job!  
We hate lawyers who twist the law! It's their job!*

**Even in the practical we expect those with knowledge of the law to execute the law.**

*UK police...it's here, ready to start. Wake up!*

**But when we do, we must first examine ourselves!**

When someone is judging you wrongly, many times their hypocrisy comes out loud and clear.

**The plank vs. the speck**

The humorous picture here

*Dust in your eye, broccoli in your teeth, but we have a 2x4*

*Remember the Lamp of the body...*

They project. They call you the bigot, the hypocrite, in extreme anger, pointing the finger, out of defense of themselves. A coping mechanism.

*The rebuke of the world - Before getting saved, saying doing this you'll go to hell and they're like, you're doing it too, with me! - I got saved a few days later.*

**We love to judge others incorrectly to make ourselves feel better**

Think of the worst person on earth in our estimation. If they repent, and you don't, they'll be in heaven...and you won't.

**When we're judging others correctly, it has nothing to do with us.**

**Where we are. How good we are.**

**It's about how concerned we are for them. How we see them heading towards destruction and don't want it for them.**

**Jesus - how can you say to your...brother**

This is very much about Christian to Christian!

**Galatians 6:1-4 NKJV - 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. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.**

**So yes, we should judge even our brothers, but in the right spirit.  
The world is definitely being judged, even by our presence**

*Aroma of life vs death*

It's the work of the holy spirit - directly to people as the parakleet  
But also through us

**John 16:8-11 NKJV - "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: "of sin, because they do not believe in Me; "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.**

### **See clearly**

It's all that we will see clearly how to handle delicate situations, hard situations, sinful situations

Like a surgeon. You want your doctor to have good vision. To tie off the right artery. To amputate the right leg. To not cause excessive scarring.

*Many today are scarred from being judged. From not being loved. And we need to handle them with care. But that does not excuse them to sin. It does not mean we enable them in their sin.*

*Enabling prevents the judgment now - which may lead them to eternal judgment*

**We judge now that they won't be judged later.**

*We'll never get it 100% right. And we who have been scarred, have been judged, should forgive those who have done so to us. For they need it just as much as we do.*

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**There is another type of judgment here. The dogs.**

*Not pets, but pests*

*Potcakes in the Bahamas*

*Feral cats at school*

### ***The gentile in the religious jew's mind***

#### **Jesus is saying we must judge two things**

1. *What is holy vs. what is not holy*
2. *Who is ready to receive what is holy vs. who will not*

**He's saying that yes, there are people who you should not share the gospel with  
Instead, share the coming judgment**

***They need a sword brought against them, the gentle word will only be trampled***

**Not all persecution is persecution we should be getting into**

*Sometimes we shouldn't go around asking for it*

*I give credit to some people who go out into awful parades, events, crowds, places and share the gospel. But maybe, sometimes, they shouldn't. And let their own judgment be on their heads.*

#### **Sodom & Gomorrah vs. Nineveh**

*Even Sodom would have repented in sackcloth and ashes*

*Even for people - there are times when sharing the gospel is not it. They're not a lost cause, but it will do them no good and only cause us harm to stay and continue to try and reach them*

*A fool to be left in his folly*

**Hebrews 10:26-27 NKJV - For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.**

**1 John 1:5-10 NKJV - This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.**

**1 John 3:6-7 NKJV - Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.**

**1 John 5:16 NKJV - If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin [which does] not [lead] to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not [leading] to death. There is sin [leading] to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.**

**Romans 6:1-2 NKJV - What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?**