

Sermon On The Mount
Matthew 7:1-5 • Judgment By The One Judge

Today's Text:

“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.”

“But let me stress this warning. It (the message of coming judgment) is more than just. It is the only message that is able to speak into the 20th-century mentality because it is the only message which really gives an answer to the two great problems of all men—modern man and man throughout the ages. First, man needs absolutes, universals, something by which to judge.

If one has no basis on which to judge, then reality falls apart, fantasy is indistinguishable from reality, there is no value for the human individual and right and wrong have no meaning.

There are two ways to get away from God's judgment of men. One is to say that there is no absolute. But one must be aware that if God does not judge on a 100% basis, he is indeed like an old man in the sky. And worse—not only is man left in relativism, but God himself is bound by relativism. God must be the judge whose own character is the law of the universe or we have no absolute. We do not need to be embarrassed as we speak of the individual coming to God to be judged in the full historic sense of judgment. It is quite the other way. If this is not true, then we no longer have an absolute, and we no longer have an answer for 20th-century man.”

Francis Schaeffer

Matthew 5:3 “Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for **theirs is the kingdom of heaven**.”

Matthew 5:20 For I tell you, unless your **righteousness exceeds** that of the scribes and Pharisees, **you will never enter the kingdom of heaven**.

Judgement Day

Hebrews 9:27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and **after that comes judgment,**

Hebrews 2:14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he (Jesus) himself likewise partook of the same things, that **through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,**

Hebrews 2:15 and deliver all those who through **fear of death** were subject to lifelong slavery.

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“Imagine that each baby is born into the world with an invisible tape recorder hung around his neck. Imagine further that these are very special recorders that record only when moral judgments are made. Aesthetic judgments such as "This is beautiful" are not recorded. But whenever a person makes such a statement as "She's such a gossip," or "He's so lazy," the recorder turns on, records the statement and turns off. Many times each day the recorder operates, as the person makes moral judgments about those around him, recording dozens of judgments each week, hundreds every year and thousands in a lifetime.

Then the scene shifts, and we suddenly see all the people of the world standing before God at the end of time. "God, it's not fair for You to judge me," say some. "I didn't know about Christ. "No one taught me the Ten Commandments, and I never read the Sermon on the Mount."

Then God speaks. "Very well. Since you claim not to know My laws, I will set aside My perfect standard of righteousness. Instead I will judge you on this." And as He pushes the button on the recorder, the person listens with growing horror as his own voice pours forth a stream of condemnation toward those around him..."She shouldn't be doing this." "He was wrong in that"-thousands upon thousands of moral judgments.

When the tape ends, God says, "This will be the basis of My judgment: how well have you kept the moral standards you proved that you understood by constantly applying them to those around you. Here you accused someone of lying, yet have you ever stretched the truth? You were angry at that fellow for being selfish, yet have you ever put your own interests above someone else's needs?" And every person will be silent. For no one has consistently lived up to the standard he demands of others."

Romans 2:15 They show that the work of the law is **written on their hearts**, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them

James 4:12 There is only one lawgiver and judge, **he who is able to save and to destroy**. But **who are you to judge your neighbor?**

Matthew 7:3 Why do you **see the speck** that is in your **brother's eye**, but do not **notice the log** that is in your **own eye**?

"When I sell whiskey, they call it bootlegging; when my patrons serve it on Lake Shore Drive, they call it hospitality."
Al Capone

Matthew 7:4 Or **how can you** say to your brother, 'Let me take the **speck** out of your eye,' when there is the **log in your own eye**?

Matthew 5:48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 7:5 **You hypocrite**, first **take the log out of your own eye**, and **then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye**.

Matthew 23:13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. **For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in.**

Matthew 23:15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a **child of hell as yourselves**.

Matthew 24:51 and will cut him in pieces and put him with the **hypocrites**. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Romans 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. **So they are without excuse.**

Romans 2:1 Therefore **you have no excuse**, O man, every one of you who judges. **For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself**, because you, the judge, **practice the very same things.**

Romans 2:2 We know that the **judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.**

Romans 2:3 Do you suppose, O man—you **who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?**

Romans 2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, **not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?**

Romans 2:5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are **storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.**

Romans 2:6 **He will render to each one according to his works:**

Romans 3:19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, **so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.**

Romans 3:20 For by works of the law **no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.**

Romans 3:21 But now the **righteousness of God** has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

Romans 3:22 the **righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.** For there is no distinction:

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:24 and are **justified by his grace as a gift**, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Romans 3:25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be **received by faith**. This was to show **God's righteousness**, because in his **divine forbearance he had passed over former sins**.

Romans 3:26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might **be just and the justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Hebrews 9:28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, **not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him**.

1Corinthians 4:3 But with me it is a **very small thing** that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, **I do not even judge myself**.

1Corinthians 4:4 For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. **It is the Lord who judges me**.

“True gospel-humility means I stop connecting every experience, every conversation, with myself. In fact, I stop thinking about myself. The freedom of self-forgetfulness. The blessed rest that only self-forgetfulness brings.” **Keller**

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Romans 8:1 There is **therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus**.

Romans 12:1 I appeal to you **therefore**, brothers, by the **mercies of God**, to present your bodies as a **living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God**, which is **your spiritual worship**.

“Do you realize that it is only in the gospel of Jesus Christ that you get the verdict before the performance?”

Keller

Romans 14:13 **Therefore** let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.

Romans 15:7 **Therefore** welcome one another as **Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God**.