

Matthew: The Life & Teaching of Jesus the Messiah

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Lesson 35 Matt. 7:1-6 Righteous Judgment (8-9-26)

Key Idea: *In a Christ-hating, pluralistic society, the only unpardonable sin is to say there is such a thing as sin. Jesus requires that his people judge rightly—not that they refrain from making judgments altogether.*

I. WHAT EVERY L_____ L_____ THINKS JESUS IS SAYING

A. Understand what the text is not saying:

1. Renounce o_____ s_____
2. Embrace r_____
3. Suspend character j_____
4. Embrace a new kind of l_____

B. Why are the humanists wrong?¹

1. It would be self-c_____:
2. It ignores the c_____ : Near: _____ Far: _____

C. God's judgment in history is a f_____.

II. DIVINE JUDGMENT: Y_____, T_____ & AT THE LAST DAY

A. There is an e_____ judgment: _____ (Rev. 20:11-14)

B. God judges n_____ and p_____ in history: _____

C. There are judgments in history with respect to covenant f_____.

1. There were b_____ and c_____ in the Old Covenant (Deut. 28:1f)
2. But the same concept c_____ into the New Covenant as well (cf. I Cor. 11:27-32)

D. There is a judgment of r_____ on the last Day for

1. P_____ d_____ (Matt. 5:12)
2. M_____ and t_____ (I Cor. 3:11-15; James 3:1)
3. And every b_____ as well (II Cor. 5:9-11; Luke 12:48)

E. Christians are also going to be judged in this life by the m_____ they use (7:2b).

III. WHAT SORT OF JUDGING DOES JESUS F_____? WHAT KIND DOES HE E_____?

A. Jesus forbids all h_____ j_____.

B. How does one prevent h_____ in judgment?

¹ I am indebted to Dave Hatcher, pastor of *Eastside Evangelical Fellowship* in Kirkland, WA, for several of today's points.

1. Recognize a level p_____ f_____.

2. Embrace the only normative standard: _____

a. Judgment is never o_____ judgment; it's _____ (Jn.12:48)

b. It is a _____ not to call sin for what it is (John 7:24).

3. Biblical judging a _____ to oneself f_____.

C. Restoring an e_____ brother is not o_____ (Mt. 7:5 cf. Gal. 6:1)

IV. THE MOST TERRIBLE JUDGMENT: HARDENED CHRIST-HATERS F_____ H_____ THE GOSPEL (V.6)

A. The "unchrist-like" Christ of the Bible calls certain people _____ !

B. What characterizes these sorts of people: _____

1. Jesus may have in mind those who commit a _____ but also those who finally
r_____ Him in this life (II Peter 2:20-22).

2. It is possible to reach a point where r_____ is i_____.

C. How you treat a f_____ shows how you v_____ the Gospel (Prov. 9:7)

Application: A word of caution from Yogi Berra
