

Today we conclude our series on the Sermon on the Mount. We have covered a lot of material that is available on our App and on Youtube and Facebook. We not only covered the subjects that our Lord and Christ spoke about, but also reviewed them. We did this so that we can grow and understand the teachings of our Lord and Master. This is the requirement and obligations of being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

The main subject of Chapter 7 has been judging. How to judge righteously and appropriately. Being a Christian requires that one learns to discern the truth and to discern circumstances and people. A Christian who does not live with discernment will find themselves in a trap. Here is further text on this subject.

1 Corinthians 2:14-15 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he

know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (15) But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

Hebrews 5:13-14 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. (14) But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Jesus continues....

<sup>13</sup> “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup> Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

A) There are two gates' people enter in:

1. The Narrow Gate: Difficult is the way to get to it and few find it, but it leads to eternal life.

2. The Wide Gate: Spacious or easy is the way to it and many find it, but it leads to destruction and damnation.



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<sup>15</sup> “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will know them by their fruits.



Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? (NO)



**NOTICE NO THORNS**

<sup>17</sup> Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

<sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit.

A) If a person is good, their works and life will be full of goodness and obedience.

B) If a person is bad their works will be fruitless and full of disobedience and rebellion.

(Check your own fruit)

Our obligation to bear good fruit...

<sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

A) A person who does not do good works and follows Christ will be condemned.

B) Don't be ignorant and gullible, look into your life and the life of others and know the difference.

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<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

<sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’

<sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

A) A question many people ask when reading this is... How can people who do such great things still not enter eternal life?

They prophesy in His name. Cast out demons in His name. Done many wonders in His name.

The answer to that is the last part... you who practice sin.

The name of Jesus is powerful and there are many people who do things in the name of Jesus. Demons bow down to the name of Jesus, miracles happen because of Jesus. People preach and do things in the name of Jesus. Jesus will be honored because He holds the name above all names.

Yet, such a person who does such things and yet continues to live and practice sin will not be saved.

This will include, didn't we go to Harvest and listen to sound biblical teaching.

Didn't I get baptized.

Didn't I read the bible and pray.

While all these are great and important things to do and should be done regularly, these all should draw you to obedience to Christ.

A person who does all these things and yet continues to live in sin and disobedience will receive the words.., Depart from me you worker of iniquity.

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**SOLUTION... Jesus concludes the sermon with this last analogy.**

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

<sup>26</sup> “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: <sup>27</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”





Notice how both of these houses were prone to rain, wind, and floods.

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<sup>28</sup> And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, <sup>29</sup> for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.