

***The New Normal
The Judgment of Grace
Matthew 7:1-12***

The CLEARER I see the evil WITHIN, the QUICKER comes grace to others in SIN!

Jesus – Sermon on the Mount

- ***This is Jesus' teaching on Kingdom living here on earth...***

In Chapter 6 He gives us the Lord's Prayer then teaching on fasting...

Chapter 7 begins with one of the most familiar, yet misunderstood passages in all of Jesus' teachings...

Matthew 7:1 (ESV) — Judge not, that you be not judged.

Some have used this as a response anytime they are living in open sin and someone points it out to them...

I've titled today's message, "The Judgement of Grace".

Verses 1-12 begin with a clarification and end with a conclusion...

Matthew 7:1–2 (ESV) — 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.

The key to unlocking this segment of Jesus' teaching comes down to this question...

What is the measure of judgment you want God to use on you?

Do you want an exacting judgment?

Matthew 12:36 (ESV) — I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak

Let me say that I DO NOT WANT GOD'S EXACTING JUDGMENT brought against me!

Romans 14:10 (ESV) — For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God

2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV) — For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

I want God's measure of judgment He uses on me to grace!

Because of Jesus, God has opened the door to two kinds of judgment...

Everyone will either face God's judgment of condemnation or God's judgment of compassion

Matthew 7:12 (ESV) — So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

The Judgment of Grace is...

1. A DILIGENT Grace

Matthew 7:7–11 (ESV) — “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Matthew 7:11 (ESV) — If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

What are the “good gifts, the good things” Jesus is referring to here?

To understand, we must go to the parallel passage found in Luke 11 where Jesus uses this same “Ask, Seek, and Knock” statement...

Luke 11:13 (ESV) — If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

The good gifts Jesus is referring to are the gifts of the Kingdom of God given to us through the Holy Spirit!

Therefore, we must DAILY ...

ASK, SEEK, and KNOCK for God’s grace!

Luke 9:23 (ESV) — And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

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The Judgment of Grace is...

1. A DILIGENT Grace

2. A DELICATE Grace

Matthew 7:3–5 (ESV) — 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.

They need to ...

See they have a problem

Jesus uses the “speck in the eye” on purpose...

When we have a speck in our eye, it causes great irritation...

We cannot really concentrate on anything until the speck is removed...

***You need to ...
Be in a spiritual position***

Galatians 6:1 (ESV) — Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

We must earn the right to become a speck remover!...

***Then together you can ...
Free them from their pain***

Isaiah 50:4 (NIV84) — The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.

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2. A DELICATE Grace

3. A DISCERNING Grace

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the _____ comes grace to others in _____!*

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1. A _____ Grace

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