



# Our standards & God's measures

Giving and receiving grace  
Matthew 7:1-11.



Blessed are those who mourn, for they  
will be comforted. (Mt 5.4)

Blessed are those who mourn (lament,  
grieve for the lost), for they will be  
comforted (given strength to cry out).



## Explanation: Matthew 7.1 - 7

*“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. <sup>2</sup> For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*

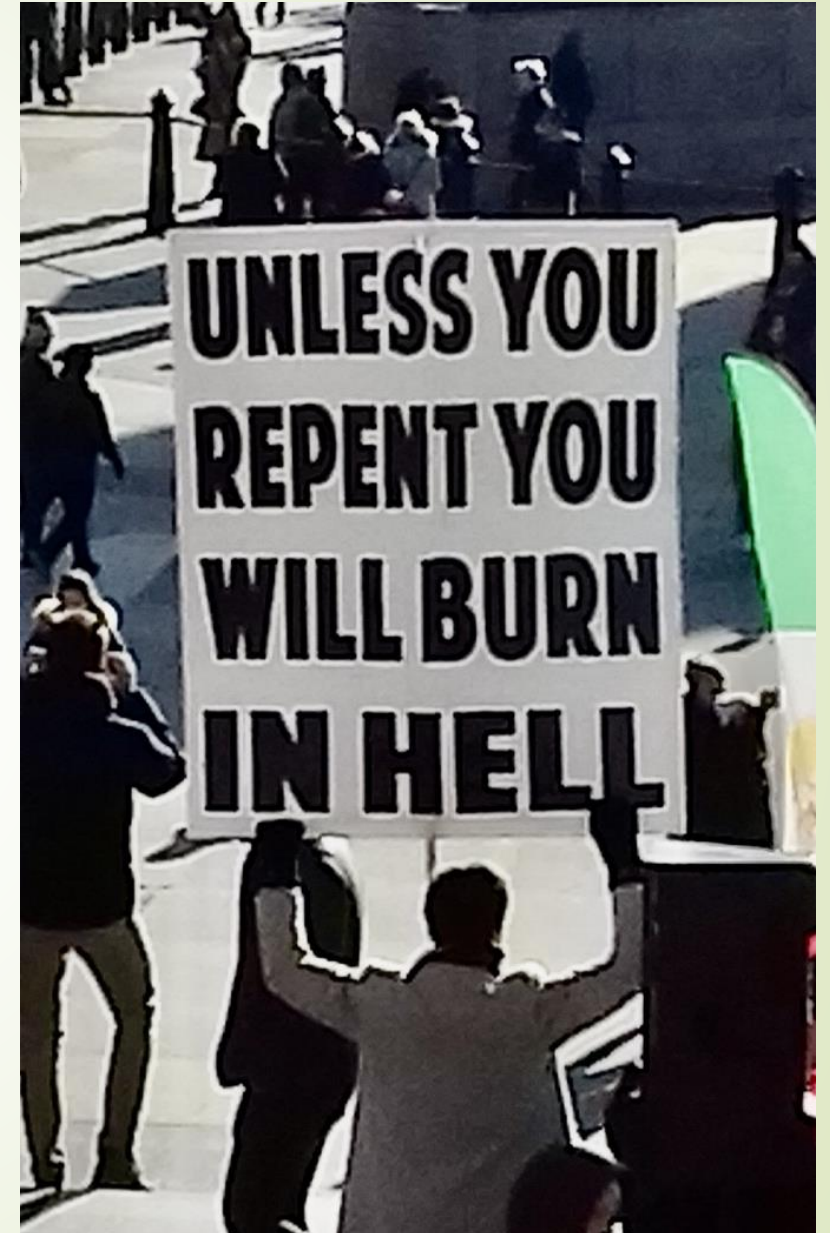
*<sup>3</sup> “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.*



**Do not judge or you too will be judged**



How do we  
react?



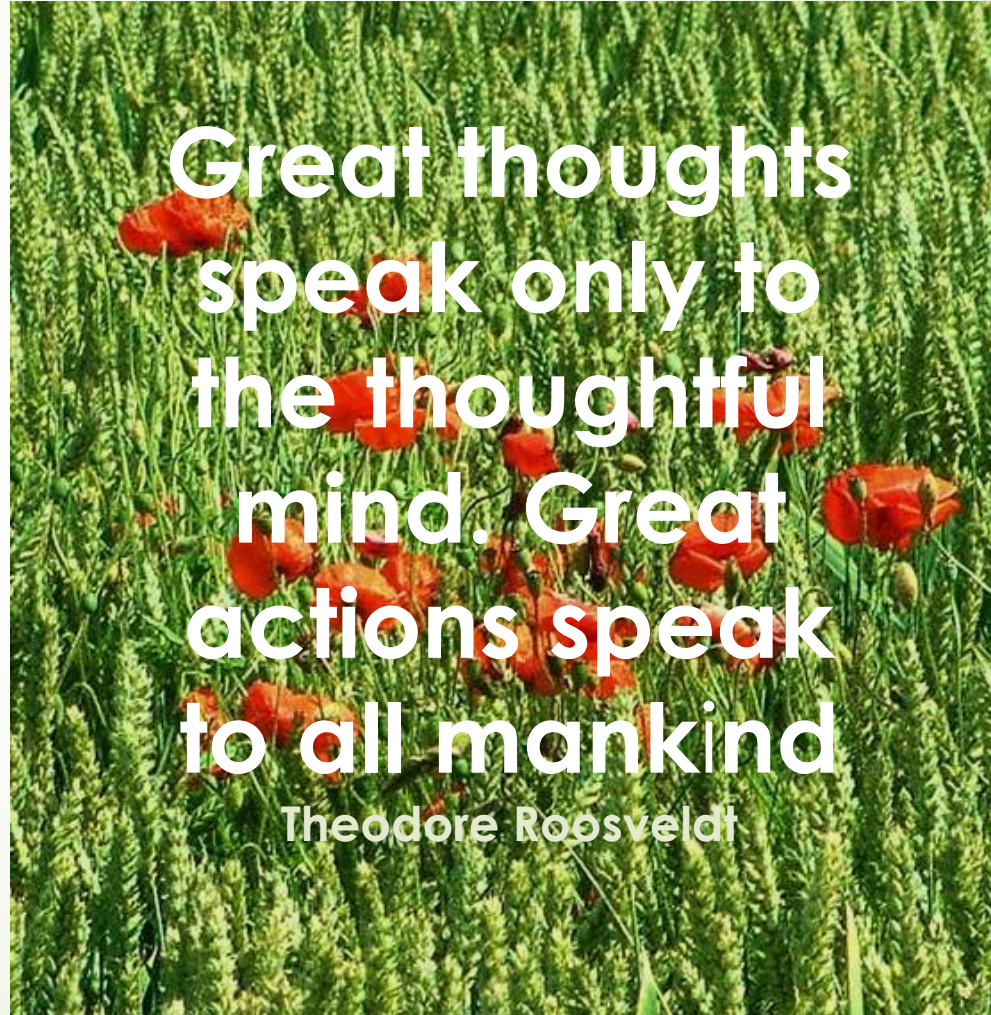


**Begin with  
ourselves**





# Prayer & action




Strength in the  
face of  
adversity

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter



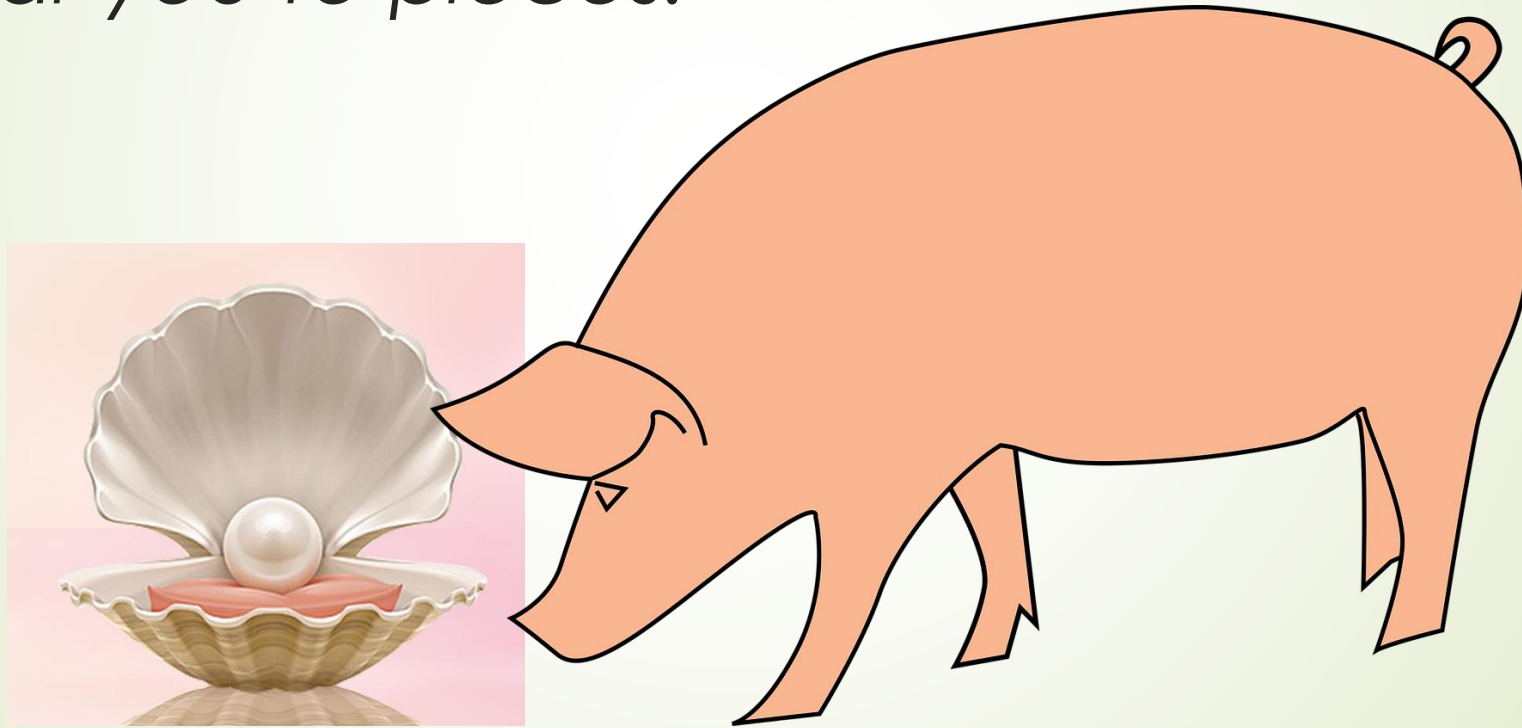




*(2 Cor 7:10-11): “Godly sorrow (or mourning) brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.*

*See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done.”*

*Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet and turn and tear you to pieces.*







## Relating to people: -

- *In your interaction with people don't waste time in obviously hostile situations*
- *Be discerning*



**Blessed are the poor in spirit - for theirs  
is the kingdom of heaven. (Mt 5.3)**

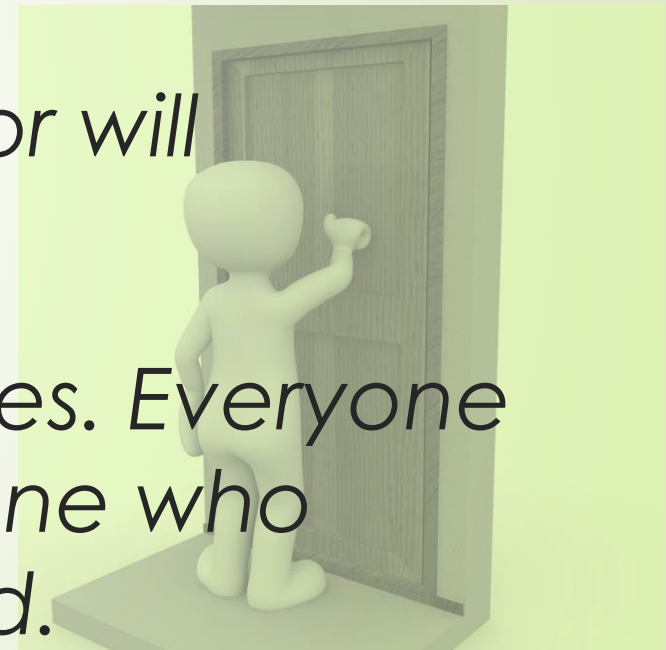


*(Matt 7:7, 8) “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for.*

*Keep on seeking, and you will find.*

*Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.*

*<sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.*





(Matt 7: 9-11)

You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead?


<sup>10</sup> Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! <sup>11</sup> So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.







# Overflowing Grace



*(2 .Cor 8.1-7) 'Brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. '2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity...'*





**(Lk 6.38)** Give, and you will receive.

*Your gift will return to you in full, - pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."*