

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

A JOURNEY WITH THE KING



Jesus is coming to His conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount, His first sermon given on a hill above a little village called Capernaum. He has given us many Heavenly perspectives for our lives and for His coming kingdom (*our inner attitudes, God's laws, charitableness, prayer/fasting, treasures, and our needs/worries*). In today's section of His sermon, He will give us Heaven's perspective concerning judging those around us and in making important decisions when we come to crossroads where we don't know the _____.

CONSTITUTION OF THE KINGDOM (PART 6) – Matthew 7:1-14

1. Heaven's Perspective on Judging Others and Decision Making – v. 1-12

- Making proper judgments towards people and situations **always starts** with looking inwardly and judging ourselves _____ before making any judgments about others – v. 1-5; Luke 12:57; John 7:24; 1 Cor. 2:15, 6:1-4, 11:13-16, 26-32.

- ✓ *Mete* =
- ✓ *Mote* =
- ✓ *Beam* =

- We are to use extra caution when interacting with unbelievers, false teachers, and those who have strayed away from the truth – v. 6; Mark 15:1-5; John 18:33-38; Rom. 16:17; Pr. 26:4-5.

- ✓ _____ **our holy things** to the dogs – Pr. 26:11,17; 2 Pet. 2:20-22; Matt. 15:21-28
- ✓ _____ **our pearls** before swine – Job 28:18; Prov. 3:13-16, 11:22; Luke 15:11-24

- When searching for Heaven's perspective on decisions, judgments, and direction...we are to **ask, seek**, and sometimes **knock** – v. 7-11.

- ✓ *Asking* – v. 9-11; Matt. 21:21-22; James 4:1-3
- ✓ *Seeking* – Prov. 2:1-9
- ✓ *Knocking* – Acts 12:13-16; Rev. 3:8; 1 Cor. 16:9; 2 Cor. 2:12

- A final rule ("*golden rule*") to guide us with others is to put ourselves in their shoes as we interact. Consider where they are in their life and perspective – v. 12; John 16:12; Rom. 15:1-3; Php. 2:3-5.

2. Heaven's Perspective is a Strait and Narrow way...there are few that find it and walk in it – v. 13-14

- *Strait* = Close; tight; strict; rigorous; a sense of straining and _____ is associated.
- We have been given Heaven's perspective by Jesus in this entire sermon and it is not the easy way...but His way is always _____ – John 10:9; 14:6; 2 Tim. 2:1-3; Ps. 18:30