

QUESTIONS FROM CHRIST



What think ye of Christ?
whose son is he?

– Matthew 22:42



Lovest thou me?

– John 21:17



Are not two sparrows sold for a
farthing? and one of them shall not fall
on the ground without your Father.

– Matthew 10:29



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The People's Court

Matthew 7:1-5

And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

THE CONTEXT

- Matthew chapters 5-7 (the sermon on the mount, the beatitudes) deal with the constitution of the Kingdom of _____.
- Doctrinally referring to Christ's millennial reign and also God's future kingdom on earth - Rev. 20-21.
- Chapter 6 is especially important in regards to our key passage as it deals with _____
(*giving, praying, fasting, heavenly vs earthly treasures, anxiety in daily life*).

THE CONTROVERSY

7:1 - The world says "*don't judge me or you have no right to judge me*" but judgment is a part of daily life:

- Luke 12:56-57 (judging the times) - *Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time? Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?*
- John 7:24 - *Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.* Judge how God judges → righteously! The people judged Jesus for healing on the Sabbath yet they would circumcise on the Sabbath to fulfill the law.
- Acts 16:15 - *And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.*
- Spiritual judgment - 1 Cor. 1:10, 2:15, 5:3, 6:1-5, 7:25; Phil. 1:9-10
- The Bible is clear that we are to judge matters, but the key is who and what is the _____!
Gen. 15:14 (1st use - God is judge); James 4:11-12 (ONE lawgiver); Ps. 75:7; Heb 12:23; Acts 17:31.

THE CONSEQUENCES

7:2 - Be careful _____ you judge people - Rom. 14:1-13; Col. 2:16; 1 Cor. 4:3-5.

- **Mete** - *to measure out; dispense; ascertain quantity by a rule or standard.* - Mark 4:24; Luke 6:38.
- **KEY:** Eventually, you will be judged by your _____!

THE CLARITY

7:3-5 - God does not tolerate hypocrisy in judging. Rom. 2:1-3.

- **Beholdest** - *To fix the eyes upon; to see with attention; to observe with care.* It's very easy to look at, point out, and judge the faults of others.
- **Mote** - *A small particle; any thing proverbially small; a spot.* Luke 6:41-42.
- **Beam** - *The largest, or a principal piece in a building, that lies across the walls, and serves to support the principal rafters. Any large piece of timber, long in proportion to its thickness, and squared, or hewed for use.* 1 Sam. 17:7; 2 Kings 6:2.
- **Hypocrite:**
 - ✓ Pretends to be spiritually mature while refusing to deal honestly with personal sin.
 - ✓ Applies God's standards strictly to others but excuses the same or greater failures in themselves.
 - ✓ Values outward appearance more than inward transformation.

KEY: This passage is not really about judging (as the world makes it to be) but about hypocrisy in judging.

THE CASE STUDIES

- **David** - 2 Sam. 12:5-6. *Thou art the man!*
- **Adulterous woman** - John 8:3-11.
- **Parable of the Pharisee & Publican** - Luke 18:9-14.
- **Simon the Pharisee** - Luke 7:36-50.
- **Jonah** - angry when God showed mercy but sure was glad to receive it for himself!

The verdict: Remember when judging others to _____ your _____ as yourself - Matt. 22:39.