

Wrong Judge

James 4:11-12





SERMON IN A SENTENCE

LET'S LEAVE THE JUDGING TO THE ALL-KNOWING JUDGE, AND INSTEAD FOCUS ON LIVING THANKFUL LIVES TO THE TRUE JUDGE FOR NOT GIVING US WHAT WE TRULY DESERVE.

Matthew 7:1-5

1 “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. **2** For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. **3** “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? **4** 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? **5** 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.

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Matthew 22:34-40

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. **35** One of them, an expert in the LAW, tested Him with this question: **36** “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the LAW?” **37** Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ **38** This is the first and greatest commandment. **39** And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ **40** All the LAW and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

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Romans 2:1-4

1 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. **2** Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on TRUTH. **3** So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? **4** Or do you show contempt for the riches of God's kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

Colossians 1:21-23

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. **22** But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, WITHOUT BLEMISH AND FREE FROM ACCUSATION— **23** if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the Gospel.

