



**Title: The Message of the King – The Sermon on the Mount (part 10) – Application of Righteousness with Respect to Brethren & Hostile Unbelievers.**

**Text:** Matt. 7:1-6

1 Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. 3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 4 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? 5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

**Introduction:**

1. Chapter 7 concludes the Lord's Sermon on the Mount.
2. In Chapter 5 we see the Doctrine of Righteousness; in Chapter 6 the Practice of Righteousness, this is also in Chapter 7, but as the Lord concludes, He is going to instruct us on the Applications of Righteousness towards Brethren, Hostile Unbelievers, and God; with additional warnings.
3. Here in Chapter 7:1-5, the Lord condemns rash judgment. And in v.6, he forbids casting our precious pearls (doctrines/Biblical truths) before swine (hostile unbelievers).
4. The Pharisees were known for rash and harsh judgment but they were ignorant or willfully blinded to their own faults.

**I. A Caution Against Judgment (vv.1-2)**

- A. The Prohibition: Judge not.
- B. The Purpose: That ye be not judged.
- C. The Principle: "It shall be measured to you again."

**II. A Caution Against Hypocritical Judgment (vv.3-5)**

- A. Not everyone is fit or suitable to reprove.
- B. Examine and judge self before reproofing others.

**III. A Caution Against Hostile Unbelievers (v.6)**

- A. Some people are not worth reproofing.
- B. Our reproofs must be coupled with discernment.

**Conclusion:**

1. The Lord is not prohibiting righteous judgment.
2. The Lord is prohibiting hypocritical judgment.
3. 1 Cor. 11:31 – it is easy to judge others and very difficult to judge one's self.
4. Acts 19:9 – it is right to leave people who were given the Gospel but are hardened, believe not, and speak evil of Christ.