

## Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 7:1-6 Bellevue Church of Christ – Winter 2015

Compare with  
Luke 6:37-42

Jewish writers often used the passive voice reverentially to avoid writing God's name.

What is the message of Jesus?

**Warning against:**

- Hypercriticism
- Pronouncing final judgment
- Hypocrisy

-Rom 2:1; 14:10-13

-Jam 3:1; 4:11-12

-2Sa 12:1-12

**Call to:**

- Self evaluation
- Demonstrate mercy

-Mt 18:23-35

-Gal 6:1-5

-Jam 2:3

1<sup>c</sup> **Judge not, that you be not judged.**

Very little doubt that God is the judge being described here.

2<sup>f</sup> For with the **judgment you pronounce you will be judged**, and with the **measure you use it will be measured to you.** <- Mk 4:24; Mt 5:7;

6:12, 14-15

3<sup>h</sup> Why do you see the ***speck that is in your brother's eye***, but do not notice the **log that is in your own eye?**

4<sup>o</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, '***Let me take the speck out of your eye,***' when there is the **log in your own eye?**

5<sup>u</sup> You **hypocrite**, first take the **log out of your own eye**, and then you will see clearly to ***take the speck out of your brother's eye.*** <- Mt 18:15-20;

1Co 11:31;

Gal 6:1-5

6<sup>c</sup> Do not give ***dogs what is holy***, and do not throw your ***pearls before pigs***, lest they ***trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.*** <- Prov 9:8

"Dogs" must not be thought of as household pets: in the Scriptures they are normally wild, associated with what is unclean, despised (e.g., 1 Sam 17:43; 24:14; 1 Kings 14:11; 21:19; 2 Kings 8:13; Job 30:1; Prov 26:11; Eccl 9:4; Isa 66:3; Matt 15:27; Philippians 3:2; Rev 22:15). The two animals serve together as a picture of what is vicious, unclean, and abominable (cf. 2 Peter 2:22).

**Is all judgment forbidden?**

What about:

Mt 7:5 - "take the speck out of your brother's eye"

Mt 7:6 - Identifying others as "pigs" or "dogs"

Mt 7:15-20 - Identifying false prophets

1Co 5:1-5 - Casting out the one from the assembly who is sexually immoral

Gal 1:8-9 - Testing whether or not a message is consistent with that delivered by the apostles of Christ

Phil 1:9-10 - Love abounding with knowledge and discernment.

1Jn 4:1 - "test the spirits to see whether they are from God"



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**Compare With**

**Luke 6:37–42 (ESV)**

<sup>37</sup> “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

<sup>39</sup> He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup> A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. <sup>41</sup> Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>42</sup> How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

**Warning Against**

**Romans 2:1 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things.

**Romans 14:10–13 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup> for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

<sup>12</sup> So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.

**James 3:1 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

**James 4:11–12 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. <sup>12</sup> There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

**2 Samuel 12:1–12 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had very many flocks and herds, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his

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cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him.<sup>4</sup> Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."<sup>5</sup> Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die,<sup>6</sup> and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

<sup>7</sup> Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.<sup>8</sup> And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more.'<sup>9</sup> Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.<sup>10</sup> Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'<sup>11</sup> Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.'<sup>12</sup> For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.' "

**Call To**

**Matthew 18:23–35 (ESV)**

<sup>23</sup> "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.<sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.<sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.<sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'<sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.<sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'<sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'<sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.<sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.<sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.<sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'<sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.<sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

**Galatians 6:1–5 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.<sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.<sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.<sup>4</sup> But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.<sup>5</sup> For each will have to bear his own load.

**James 2:3 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet,"

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**Is All Judgment Forbidden**

**Matthew 7:5 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

**Matthew 7:6 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> "Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

**Matthew 7:15–20 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

**1 Corinthians 5:1–5 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. <sup>2</sup> And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

<sup>3</sup> For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. <sup>4</sup> When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, <sup>5</sup> you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

**Galatians 1:8–9 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. <sup>9</sup> As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

**Philippians 1:9–10 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

**1 John 4:1 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

**It Will Be Measured to You**

**Mark 4:24 (ESV)**

<sup>24</sup> And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you.

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**Matthew 5:7 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

**Matthew 6:12 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**Matthew 6:14–15 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**Speck / Log**

**Matthew 18:15–20 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup> But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**1 Corinthians 11:31 (ESV)**

<sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.

**Galatians 6:1–5 (ESV)**

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**Dogs / Pigs**

**Proverbs 9:8 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

**2 Peter 2:22 (ESV)**

<sup>22</sup> What the true proverb says has happened to them: “The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire.”

**1 Samuel 17:43 (ESV)**

<sup>43</sup> And the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

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**1 Samuel 24:14 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog!  
After a flea!

**1 Kings 14:11 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> Anyone belonging to Jeroboam who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone who dies in the open country the birds of the heavens shall eat, for the LORD has spoken it.” ’

**1 Kings 21:19 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> And you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Have you killed and also taken possession?” ’  
And you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD: “In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your own blood.” ’ ’

**2 Kings 8:13 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> And Hazael said, “What is your servant, who is but a dog, that he should do this great thing?”  
Elisha answered, “The LORD has shown me that you are to be king over Syria.”

**Job 30:1 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> “But now they laugh at me,  
men who are younger than I,  
whose fathers I would have disdained  
to set with the dogs of my flock.

**Proverbs 26:11 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> Like a dog that returns to his vomit  
is a fool who repeats his folly.

**Ecclesiastes 9:4 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> But he who is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

**Isaiah 66:3 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> “He who slaughters an ox is like one who kills a man;  
he who sacrifices a lamb, like one who breaks a dog’s neck;  
he who presents a grain offering, like one who offers pig’s blood;  
he who makes a memorial offering of frankincense, like one who blesses an idol.  
These have chosen their own ways,  
and their soul delights in their abominations;

**Matthew 15:27 (ESV)**

<sup>27</sup> She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

**Philippians 3:2 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.

**Revelation 22:15 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters,  
and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.