

## ***Lessons From the Sermon of Jesus on the Mountain Part 92***

***“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. 7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”*** (Matthew 7:1-11 KJV)

***“1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.”*** (Matthew 7:1 KJV) \* Here what Jesus meant with ***“Judge not”***, is not for the authorities and judges not to judge those who are caught with wrong doings or crimes. It is not when the church discipline those who sin and do mischief after investigation, examining the evidences, and finding out the truth. It is not when you deal with someone who has done bad and his wrong doing is clear, but what Jesus meant is when you hear something or you see something and you interpret it to the worse that suites you and utter your judgment and the worse of judgment without finding out the details, without asking about the truth and without investigation and you utter your judgment and your sever judgment on no clear bases. \* It is also when we judge about the salvation of the people and decide their destiny and taking the place of God without real knowing the situation of the person and why he did all such.

But some people they will use this Scripture in a wrong way, and say not to judge them when their sin or their sinful trend of life is very clear like adultery, live in, having children without marriage, stealing, cheating, taking advantage, or other wrong doing and when you face them they will use this Scripture to escape the criticizing of sin.

***“1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.”*** (Matthew 7:1 KJV) ***“that ye be not judged.”*** \* If you will do such and act and behave as such, giving sever judgment without clear bases, then you will be also put in such a situation and you will be judged without understanding and without mercy and consideration to all of what you did. \* But if you judged based on clear evidences and your motive is clear to purge sin and to help people to come back to the right way and correct their lives then that is right in the sight of God.

***“2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.”*** (Matthew 7:2 KJV) ***“For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged:”*** With what you used to judge and with what deed you did, then the same will be used and to be applied on you. If you were irrational then you will be also judged irrationally. ***“and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.”*** What is your purpose of judging is also will be weight, Is it out of mercy and correction so people will amend their ways and come and reconcile with God, and to

experience the good plan that God has for them; then this is the measure of love and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Or is it you have other wrong purpose, for example to revenge, to prove a certain thing, to show yourself better, or to boast over the people or to oppress people then this is the measure of the flesh. Jesus was speaking such because in the background were the Pharisees who were known by their hypocrisy that they do things externally it looks good but with wrong purpose and their lives are filled with greed, love of money, love of position, lording over, boasting, and showing off.

***“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?”*** (Matthew 7:3 KJV) Jesus now was facing them why they were seeing the mote in their brother's eye. The meaning of the mote is a straw or a small twig, what He meant Jesus why they were seeing the small mistake, or a small short coming in other people and would go scrutinize them, and correct them, rebuke them, punish them severely, oppress them and boast over them, but they were not considering the beam that is in their own eyes. The meaning of the beam is a big piece of wood; what Jesus was telling them that they were not looking to their big wrong doing, their pride and arrogance, their greed, their love of money, their self righteousness, their hatred and their bad example and that they were unfit to correct others if they were not correcting themselves. **We need to correct ourselves before we go and correct others. Let us examine ourselves and see what are the sins and bad attitude that we need to renounce before we can go to others.**

***“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?”*** (Matthew 7:4 KJV) How you can go and rebuke them for their small sin but you are not dealing with your big wrong doing. You should be ashamed of such. They should be the one to rebuke you and not that you will be the one to correct them. Also this means that you think that others cannot see your wrong doings that you are hiding. You cannot be a reprover to others if you are not dealing first with your obvious sins.

***“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.”*** (Matthew 7:5 KJV) ***“Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye;”*** a hypocrite here is a person who is seeing and reproving other people's sins but he is hiding his own sin. Here clearly Jesus point out to the Scribes and the Pharisees that they were hiding their big wrong doings. They needed first to start to deal with their own sin, before they will go to others. ***“and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.”*** That big wrong doing made them not to see clearly what they ought to correct in the other people's lives and what is their needs. When they will repent of their sins they will be the right people to correct others, they can see what to correct and others will be willing to listen to them.

***“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.”*** (Matthew 7:6 KJV) Dogs were considered as unclean animal and were not allowed to be in the temple. What he meant here is not to give the Holy Word of God to people who are vile and notorious who will not appreciate the great value of the Word of God. It is like tossing the expensive pearls to the swine, which is another unclean animal according to the law. In such Christ is giving warning and calling us to have discretion and discernment, and not to admonish or rebuke a violent and vile person because that may caused us to be

attacked, persecuted and harmed by such people. “7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot. 8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.” (Proverbs 9:7-8 KJV)

“4 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:” (Matthew 7:7 KJV) Again the Lord Jesus is speaking here about the importance of prayer, and how prayer to God is important to provide for us our daily needs from food, drink, clothes and the other essential things. Previously Jesus spoke to them in Matthew 6 as we discussed about prayer, “Give us this day our daily bread.” (Matthew 6:11 KJV) and later on, not to worry and not to have wrong or anxious thoughts about what to eat, what to drink and what to wear, and now He is teaching them again about prayers. “Ask, and it shall be given you;” Jesus was teaching how to come to God in prayers and asking Him to give them their needs and their necessities in the daily life. We need to ask God for our needs, and we need to ask not our wants in order to spend on wrong things. “2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.” (James 4:2-3 KJV) We need to ask with faith, “22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” (Mark 11:22-24 KJV) We need to ask God wisdom, guidance and discretion of how to manage our lives and the critical decisions that we need to take, “5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” (James 1:5) And when we pray and ask God to give us wisdom or whatever we need to ask, we need to ask without doubt, “6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.” (James 1:6-8 KJV)

“seek, and ye shall find;” this is also about prayer that when we pray we are called to seek the will of God and what is in His mind toward us, what He wants to give us and what He wants us to do, “6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” (Isaiah 55:6-7 KJV) \* Seeking God is a call for repentance, to forsake the wicked ways and the wicked thoughts, and to return to God to receive mercy from Him, so that our sins will be pardoned. \* Seeking God is to seek His face and not His hand, “When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.” (Psalm 27:8 KJV) Seeking the hand of God means looking for material things, but seeking the face of God is to please God and to make Him happy and to give Him the joy as we endeavor to fear Him, obey Him, walk in His ways and doing His will.

“knock, and it shall be opened unto you:” \* Again this teaching about prayers that we need to stand at His door and beg Him and keep knocking until He got up and open the door to us. We need to keep knocking on the door of God without going to other doors.

We need to be bold in our knocking, as we read in the parable that we read in Luke that will end up in the same of what we have in Matthew 7:7-8, “5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? 7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. 8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” (Luke 11:5-10 KJV) The man here in this parable got up and supplied the needs of the friend that knocked the door on him at the midnight because he was bold, persistent and consistent in knocking the door. \* So we need to be bold, persistent and consistent and keep knocking the door of God until He will open the door to us as we will read in Matthew 7:8 “and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” \* As well as we need to be friends to God that He know us being obedient to Him, and also we should have a genuine reason of what we are asking and what are praying to God; for a need and not a want.

“8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” (Matthew 7:8 KJV) God shall reward those who come to Him in prayer. God shall reward us as we come to God and ask Him, “For every one that asketh receiveth;” God shall reward those who seek Him. We will truly find God, His will, His good plan for us, and His provision in our lives when we seek Him with all our hearts, “11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. 12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:11-13 KJV) You will be able to get the good plan of God and you will get restored when you seek and search for God with all your heart.

God will hear our prayers and answer us when we are asking according to His will, “14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.” (1 John 5:14-15 KJV) As we seek God, His Kingdom and His righteousness, then the rest of the things shall be added unto us, “33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33 KJV) And we will find true life when we follow after righteousness and mercy, “21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.” (Proverbs 21:21 KJV)

“9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?” (Matthew 7:9 KJV) No father will refuse to give his son bread which is his need and instead will give him stone that will harm him unless the father is a cruel person, “10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?” (Matthew 7:10 KJV) No father will refuse to give his son a fish which is his need and instead he will give him a serpent that will harm him unless he is cruel, that he will not give him the basic needs. In Luke 11 Jesus added a scorpion that will harm him instead of egg, “12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?” (Luke 11:12) No father will do such and not to give the basic needs for his children. “11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your

*children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Matthew 7: 11) In the same way God will give us good things when we learn to go to God and ask Him, humbling ourselves and returning to Him in repentance, knocking His door and seeking His face.*

**My dear and beloved:** Let us come now to the Lord in prayers, let us repent of our sins, and let us renounce our wrong thoughts and wrong judgments against others. Let us judge our own sins and wrong doing and take the beam out of our eyes first before we go to others, rebuke them and criticize them and try to take the mote out of their eyes.

Let us be wise and not to throw the precious Word of God to the vile, the rebellious and the violent person.

Let us renounce greed, pride, arrogance, hypocrisy, and come to God in repentance, in prayers asking Him to help us, provide our need. Let us ask God wisdom and discretion, and seeking His will, knocking His door and seeking His face, so that we may find Him and be blessed by Him.

Let us pray.

**My prayer:** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that gave me rebuke and correction and gave me the teaching I need and showed me your ways.

*Let us confess and renounce our sins. Confess and renounce your pride, self-righteousness, failing to see the beam in your eyes and magnifying the mote in the eyes of others, considering yourself higher than others. Renounce being judgmental without clear evidence and clear base. Renounce judging others taking the place of God. Renounce your wrong motive in judgment. Renounce refusing to be corrected by others for your clear sins. Confess your greed, hypocrisy love of money, love of position, lording over, boasting, and showing off. Confess your lack of discretion, discernment and wisdom. Renounce throwing the pearls to others who are fool, violent and harmful to you. Confess your lack of prayer, your doubts and confess doing your own will and plans and not seeking His will and plan..*

*Lord I confess and renounce the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Lord I commit myself to apply the following teaching that I learned from this message \_\_\_\_\_*

*Lord I am coming to you, knocking boldly at your door, seeking your face and your will. Lord speak to me, answer me, open the door to me and provide me my needs and direct me into the good plan that you have for me.*

*Lord I ask you to give me wisdom, discernment and discretion of how to conduct my life and how to take right decision in my life.*

*Lord I trust that you can take me out from this trial of life \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Lord thank you for my brethren and sisters who repented of their sins and committed their lives and their ways to you and started to seek your face. Lord protect them and continue to provide all their needs, and give them wisdom and lead them into the good plan that you have for them.*

*Lord bless us as a church as we commit ourselves to live according to your Word and your will. Lord as we seek your face, we trust that we will find you and find your will, and that you will lead us to do your will and your purpose in our lives. Lord give us wisdom and discernment how to handle the various conditions that you allow us as a church to pass through. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go and evangelize and reach new people, and make new disciples and train more workers to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.*

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