

MATTHEW CHAPTER 7 (Notes by Andrew)

Chapter 6 ended with the message: 'seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you'. Consider that statement and 1 Cor:13 as a backdrop to everything in this section.

WHEN JUDGEMENT IS A STEP TOO FAR Matt 7: 1-6

Why does Jesus prohibit the type of judgement described in this passage?

Why would Jesus make the statement about dogs and pigs in verse 6?

When Jesus later says 'by their fruits ye shall know them' in Matt 7:24-27 does this not require some form of judgment?

Are there other passages of scripture that suggest some form of judgment by believers is REQUIRED?

Doesn't PAUL suggest that the church needs to discipline individuals for certain types of sin?

CHOICES and OUTCOMES Matt 7: 7-11; Luke 11:9-13 Ask, Seek, Knock

Ask, seek, knock: all imply choices and action on our part that led to outcomes.

What actions do EACH of these items refer to?

What critical piece of information does LUKE provide that brings some perspective to what Jesus is talking about?

How do you think Jesus meant in verse 12 about the summing up of the Law and the Prophets?

ETERNAL OUTCOMES TO HUMAN CHOICES

Matt 7:13–14 The Narrow and Wide Gates Matt 7:24-27 **Wise and Foolish Builders**

Why are these statement from Jesus, so critical to our understanding of the plan of salvation?

DANGERS ON ROUTE

Matt 7: 15-20 True and False Prophets

Prophets may or may not be from within the church!

Are there true and false prophets within the secular world?

Are there true and false prophets within the Christian world?

What fruits (good or bad) should we be looking for?

Matt 7: 21-23 True and False Disciples

Would it be true to say that there are 3 primary groups among those who believe in God?

- **PASSIVE...** believing that being a good person is good enough!
- **DOING** in the name of God
- **BEING** in the power of the Holy Spirit

Which is the most dangerous?

Which one do you think God wants us to be in?

How do we get there?

Reaction to the Sermon Matt 7: 28-29

The Scribes and Pharisees obviously had authority? Why were the hearers of the Sermon on the mount so impressed by the authority of Jesus?