

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is sandy and sparsely covered with small, dry bushes. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains stretches across the horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is desolate and expansive.

# The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

# Outline to the book of Matthew:

## I. The King Has Come 1:1-13:53

1. *The Incarnation and the preparation of the King 1:1 – 4:11*
2. *The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29*
3. *The Manifestation of the King 8:1 – 11:1*
4. *The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53*

## II. The Kingdom Has Not 13:54-28:20

5. *The Reaction of the King, 13:54 – 19:2*
6. *The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46*
7. *The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of the King, 26:1 – 28:20*

\*\*\*Subpoints follow Stanley Toussaint's seven main divisions outlined in his commentary.

# True Righteousness in the Kingdom context:

## Discourse on true law-keeping:

1. Murder 5:21-26 (corporate)
2. Adultery 5:27-30 (marital)
3. False witness 5:33-37 (personal)

## Discourse on true worship:

1. Giving 6:1-4 (service)
2. Prayer 6:5-15 (fellowship)
3. Fasting 6:16-18 (devotion)

## Discourse on true living:

1. Wealthy living 6:19-24 (priorities)
2. Care-free living 6:25-34 (provision)
3. Self-reflective living 7:1-6 (pride)

# I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1 – 13:53

The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29

(Matthew 7:1-6)

*“How to Judge people”*

# Outline – Following righteous judgment by:

1. Understanding justice vv. 1-2

# 1- Understanding justice vv. 1-2

## A. Observations:

- The command
  - “Do not judge, so that you are not judged;”
  - Does the book of Matthew end right here?
  - Are believers forbidden from judging?
- The justice of God’s judgment
  - “For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged;”
  - “and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”
  - Judgment is not forbidden but rather doing it the right way.

# 1- Understanding justice vv. 1-2

## A. Observations:

- Judgment in the Jewish-Law context:
  - Carried out by the priests.
  - Pronounced by the prophets.
  
- Judgment in the Church-Grace context:
  - 1 Corinthians 5:1-5; 6:1-8
  - 2 Thessalonians 3:6-7, 14-15
  - 1 Timothy 5:19-22

## 1- Understanding justice vv. 1-2

### B. Summary/Application:

- Judging is not altogether condemned by Jesus but rather judgment that does not fully understand.
- We must understand that we too will be judged and that should impact the way we judge.
- In Jesus' context judgment was ultimately conducted through the religious system of the Mosaic Law.
- For the Church, judgment is ultimately conducted through the local church.



## Outline – Following righteous judgment by:

1. Understanding justice vv. 1-2
2. Avoiding hypocrisy vv. 3-5

## 2- Avoiding hypocrisy vv. 3-5

### A. Observations:

- Three ways to avoid hypocritical judging –

1) Consider yourself v. 3

2) Don't be self-righteous v. 4

3) Be purified v. 5 (cf. Galatians 6:1-2)

- Cf. Mosaic law purification.
- Cf. 1 Jn. 1:9

## 2- Avoiding hypocrisy vv. 3-5

### B. Summary/Application:

- Before you pull out the magnifying glass, pull out the mirror.
- Avoid a self-righteous perception of yourself... remember who you were, and who you are now by God's grace.
- Minister to others in fellowship with God. Make sure you are not neglecting anything in your own life.

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1. Understanding justice vv. 1-2
2. Avoiding hypocrisy vv. 3-5
3. Practicing discernment v. 6

## 3- Practicing discernment v. 6

### A. Observations:

- The proverb v. 6a
  - “Do not give what is holy to the dogs;”
  - “nor cast your pearls before swine,”
  - Both word pictures communicate at least two things:
    - 1) Discernment
    - 2) Worth while ministry.
      - (Shouldn't we minister in any situation?)
      - cf. Matthew 10:14
      - cf. 2 Timothy 2:14-18, 23-26

## 3- Practicing discernment v. 6

### A. Observations:

- The proverb v. 6a
- The consequence v. 6b
  - “lest they trample them under their feet,”
  - “and turn and tear you in pieces.”
  - The imagery here is someone rejecting what you offer and turning against you personally.

## 3- Practicing discernment v. 6

### B. Summary/Application:

- Jesus' audience was to practice discernment in who they offer help to.
- Believers today should follow this principle and focus their ministry efforts on those who are seeking.
- Finding this line of who to avoid and who to focus on takes discernment. IT might look different for people!
- Illustration: Paul and Barnabas.
- Illustration: Michael Parmenter and I.



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