

COMMENTARY

MATTHEW 7:

vs. 1-6

Jesus emphasizes that none of us are perfect and that we have no place to be judging and criticizing others. He warns us that the same harsh, legalistic attitudes that we use, will be the criteria by which we will be judged. He concludes by saying that if judging were left to such people, that the result would be abuse and the system a farce.

vs. 7-12:

Jesus teaches that God answers prayer. If we know how to do good to those that we love then surely the one who made us knows how to do what is best. Jesus does not take the time to instruct them of the need to ask according to God's will in faith, in our prayers, but this is taught in other passages and is one of the considerations that we need to be mindful of. He then suggests that we need to look out and help others as much as possible, and in so doing, we will be the people that God wants us to be.

vs. 13-14:

Jesus reminds His listeners that many more people will follow the way of pleasure that leads to condemnation, than will follow the pathway to God.

vs. 15-23:

Jesus was aware and warned His followers of those people who would pretend to be one of them. The best way to recognize hypocrites and false teachers are by their actions. Their actions need to conform to the holy life that God has called us to and their motives are to be pure. There will be many in the day of judgement who will not be granted entrance to Heaven, because of impure motives.

vs. 24-29:

Jesus emphasizes that those who are truly wise, are those who will follow His teaching and make them the foundation of their life. Others are foolish and will perish because of their refusal to obey Christ.

The people were amazed that at Jesus and His teaching because He taught with assuredness and confidence rather than referring back to what other teachers had said in the past and speculating on their thoughts.

STUDY GUIDE

MATTHEW 7:

1. How will we be judged?
2. What do we not pay attention to?
3. What is the result of asking, seeking, or knocking?
4. What does our Father in heaven know how to do?
5. How are we to do to others?
6. What is small and what is narrow?
7. How can we recognize wolves?
8. Who shall enter the kingdom of heaven?
9. What will many say on that day?
10. What will the Lord then tell them?
11. Who is like the wise man that built his house on the rock?
12. How did Jesus teach?

BONUS:

1. Are we guilty of judging others? If you answer yes; What should be done?
2. Do verses 7-12 mean that God will give us anything we ask for? If not, what does it mean?
3. Explain how people can do the "right" thing, but still not be acceptable in the Lord's sight.