

# Matthew 7:1-14

## Judging Others (1-6)

- ◆ “Do not judge others, so that God will not judge you, for God will judge you in the same way you judge others, and he will apply to you the same rules you apply to others. Why, then, do you look at the speck in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the log in your own eye? How dare you say to your brother, ‘Please, let me take that speck out of your eye,’ when you have a log in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will be able to see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. “Do not give what is holy to dogs—they will only turn and attack you. Do not throw your pearls in front of pigs—they will only trample them underfoot.
- ◆ Let's not judge others, it's not our place to judge others; we've our own fair share of faults for us to be judging others. Those who judge others usually oversee their own shortcomings and this makes their judgements biased, they see the spec in others eyes and not the log in theirs own eyes. The standards we use to judge others, we'll also be used to judge us hence it's best not to judge.

## Ask, Seek, Knock (7-12)

- ◆ “Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will receive, and anyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to those who knock. Would any of you who are fathers give your son a stone when he asks for bread? Or would you give him a snake when he asks for a fish? As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! “Do for others what you want them to do for you: this is the meaning of the Law of Moses and of the teachings of the prophets.
- ◆ If we ask, we'll receive; if we seek, we'll find and if we knock, the door will be opened. Our father in heaven will provide for us all we need if we ask, seek and knock. Earthly parents though bad in nature, know how to provide for their kids what more our good God? He'll provide beyond our own imagination; so let's ask, seek and knock.

## The Narrow Gate (13-14)

- ◆ “Go in through the narrow gate, because the gate to hell is wide and the road that leads to it is easy, and there are many who travel it. But the gate to life is narrow and the way that leads to it is hard, and there are few people who find it.
- ◆ Things that lead us to destruction or hell are easy, because of that a lot of people will travel that route. Things that lead us to life and paradise are hard, hence a few people will travel that route. We're encouraged to travel the hard path for the final destination is amazing, the soft and easy path leads to nowhere but destruction.