

CHAPTER 14

Jesus commands: Judge not; ask of God; beware of false prophets—He promises salvation to those who do the will of the Father—Compare Matthew 7. About A.D. 34.

1 ^a And now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words he turned again to the multitude, and did open his mouth unto them again, saying: Verily, verily, I say unto you, Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2 ^a 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 the mote out of thine eye—and behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

5 Thou ^a hypocrite, first cast the ^b beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6 Give not that which is ^a 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 ^a Ask, and it shall be given unto you; ^b 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, who, if his son ask bread, will 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 who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

12 Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, ^a do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets.

13 Enter ye in at the ^a strait gate; for wide is the gate, and ^b broad is the way, which leadeth to destruction, and many there be who go in thereat;

14 Because strait is the ^a gate, and ^b narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and ^c few there be that find it.

15 Beware of ^a false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their ^a fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every ^a good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that ^a bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore, by their ^a fruits ye shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall ^a enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.

22 Many will ^a say to me in that day: Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name have cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will ^aI profess unto them: I never ^bknew you; ^cdepart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 Therefore, whoso heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, who built his house upon a ^arock—

25 And the ^arain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it ^bfell not, for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not shall be likened unto a ^afoolish man, who built his house upon the ^bsand—

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell, and great was the fall of it.