

# Sermon on the Mount

## Matthew 7

Summary: There is a vast and eternal difference between religious hypocrisy and humble faith.

*Judge not, yet discern*—John 7:24

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*Logs and specks*—Before discerning and addressing the (real) sins of others, we must discern and address our own.

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*Pigs and pearls:*

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*Ask, seek, knock*—Orient your life toward the answer of your prayers.

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If we ask for what is beneficial to us, we will not receive what is harmful to us.

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This is how God governs the universe; through asking and receiving—Psalm 2:7-8

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*Do unto others*—seek ways to actively bless

- Not: “Do **not** do to others what you do **not** want them to do to you.”
- Not: “Do unto others **what they have done** unto you.”
- Not: “Do unto others **before** they do unto you.”
- Not: “Do unto others **so that** they will do unto you.” (Luke 6:35)

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Jesus gives 2 commands: Enter the way; walk on the way to the end (eternal life)

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The Way is a Winepress. *The way is hard*—Greek. *Thlibo*—“compressed like grapes,” suffering tribulation

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**False gospel #1:** Jesus is **only** a Door. **False gospel #2:** Jesus is **only** a Way.

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The road you are on will tell you the destination you can expect.

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*False prophets*—look like sheep but hunger for the flesh.

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Look at fruit to determine the tree.

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What to watch for specifically (**see 2 Peter 2 and Jude 1 for deeper study**)

1. Sensual—hype up the emotions, emphasize feelings over truth
2. “Despise authority,” rebels like Korah
3. Disrespect angels and demons

4. "Arrogant", self-promoting
5. Indulge in "defiling lusts" (for food, sex, drink, etc)
6. "Hearts trained in greed"
7. "Eyes full of adultery"
8. "Pervert the grace of God into sensuality"
9. Indulge and promote sexual immorality and "unnatural" sexuality
10. "Rely on dreams and visions"
11. "Cause divisions"
12. "Malcontents, grumblers"
13. "Scoffers," sarcastic, cutting words
14. "Devoid of the Spirit"

*On that day*—the most common OT expression for the day of the LORD, the final judgment, the last day, the day of reward and vengeance.

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*The will of my Father*—to know and love Him deeply.

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*The kingdom of heaven*—The realm where God rules directly

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**There is an already/not yet tension in the kingdom**

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*Will enter the kingdom*—**proximity** to the power and people and presence of God are not enough to save.

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*Not everyone who says*—claims of faith must be substantiated by fruit—1 John 1:6; James 2:17-19

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*Hears and does*—both are necessary, or else we will be **deceived** into thinking our eternal security is founded on the rock, not the sand— James 1:22

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*Does them*—the direction and pattern of a stable, godly life. *Does them*—consistently, not perfectly, by the grace of God

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*Everyone*—we bear responsibility for the foundation we lay and the house we built before God, through His grace

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*Hears and does not do*—intellectually agrees with the teaching, praises its wisdom, says good things, even teaches it to others, yet does not apply it to himself

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*Sand*—every other confidence a human being can have will slide away in the storms.

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*Great was the fall*—for a believer: the total loss of all we built in life—1 Cor. 3:14-15

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