

July 26, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Worship the King

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:1-13

PRAYER & WELCOME

SONG SERVICE

COMMUNITY MOMENT

CORPORATE PRAYER

Marc & Cindy

MESSAGE from the Word

Pastor Steve

"Stop Criticizing"

Matthew 7:1-6

INVITATION & BENEDICTION

Thank you for worshipping with us today

LADIES - Beginning this Wednesday, we will carry on with *Systematic Theology*. We are very excited to dig into this study again and will have social distancing seating in the Meeting Place. Bring your lunch or snack to eat during our time together. 😊 Nancy

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Roger & Jean Slagel, 9978 N Saguaro Bloom Way, Marana, AZ 85653. Same cell phone numbers. Jean will have the same email; new for Roger: rogerbslagel@gmail.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: EZRA 5 & 6

Our Offering Box is Located in the rear of the Chapel

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Monday

6:00pm: I John Study via Zoom

Tuesday

8:30am: Ladies' Prayer

Wednesday

11:00am: Ladies' Bible Study * July 29

6:30pm: Fresh Encounter

Saturday

6:30am: PB & J – Men's Breakfast & Study

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"Stop Criticizing"
Matthew 7:1-6

The perspective of this passage is given in C to that of the scribes & Pharisees,

✦ vv.1-6 focus on the N aspect of a self-righteous, judgmental spirit,

✦ vv.7-12 focus on the P aspect of a spirit that is humble, trusting, and loving.

These twelve verses form the divine summation of all the principles of right human relations.

When an individual or a group of people develop their O standards of religion & morality, they inevitably J everyone by those self-made beliefs & standards.

The scribes and Pharisees were:

- unM _____,
- unF _____,
- unK _____,
- censorious – “test of fellowship”

This passage has E been used to suggest that believers should never evaluate or criticize anyone for anything. This provides a convenient E from confrontation.

Only R doctrine, can teach us what true H, unity, & fellowship ... are—and are not.

Yet at no time in the history of the Church, or of ancient Israel, was spiritual & moral reformation achieved apart from C & C.

R is needed when spiritual & moral life are low. The power of sin, (unbeliever or believer) is O to righteousness & will always resist God's T & God's standards.

No more controversial or judgmental sermon has ever been preached.

This greatest sermon by our Lord teaches that His followers are to be discerning and P in what they believe & in what they do.

- Every message we hear is to be judged for the soundness of its doctrine (Ga.1.8; II Jn.10-11).
- Not to rebuke sin is a form of H, not love (Le.19.17; Mt.18.15; He.5.14).
- Jesus refers to the judgment of M (Ro.14.13).

What Jesus here forbids is condemnation based on H standards & H understanding.

I. A MISTAKEN VIEW OF G v.1

- To judge another person's motives or to condemn is to P G (Jn.5.22).
- We B God whenever we take upon ourselves the role of judge (Ro.14.4; I Co.4.3-4).
- (Except as they may be teaching F doctrine or following standards that are clearly U;))

We are never to judge a person's M, T or L — and certainly not his M — by a self-styled standard (Ja.4.11-12).

The Savior calls for men to R the presumptuous temptation to try to be God.