

The Life and Mission of Jesus Christ on Earth

Lesson Thirteen -- Matthew 7:1-29 and Luke 6:37-49

Summary of Lesson

We continue to study in this lesson the sermon delivered by Jesus on the mount after He had called twelve men to be His apostles. In our last lesson, we discussed the sixth chapter of Matthew, and in this lesson the seventh chapter with its parallel in Luke. We will study principles which Jesus gave governing the matter of judging (Matt. 7:1-6; Lk. 6:37-42), further teaching on the subject of prayer (Matt. 7:7-11), the "golden rule" (Matt. 7:12; Lk. 6:31), the two ways of life (Matt. 7:13,14), warnings about false teachers (Matt. 7:15-23; Lk. 6:43-45), and Jesus' conclusion to and application of the sermon on the mount (Matt. 7:24-29; Lk. 6:46-49).

Matthew 7:1-29

{1} "Judge not, that you be not judged. {2} "For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. {3} "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? {4} "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? {5} "Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. {6} "Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces. {7} "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. {8} "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. {9} "Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? {10} "Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? {11} "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! {12} "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. {13} "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

{14} "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. {15} "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. {16} "You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? {17} "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. {18} "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. {19} "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. {20} "Therefore by their fruits you will know them. {21} "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. {22} "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' {23} "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' {24} "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: {25} "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. {26} "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: {27} "and the rain descended, the floods

came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." {28} And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, {29} for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Luke 6:37-49

{37} "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. {38} "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." {39} And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? {40} "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher. {41} "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? {42} "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye. {43} "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. {44} "For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. {45} "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. {46} "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say? {47} "Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: {48} "He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. {49} "But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

Questions on Lesson Thirteen

1. The disciple is not above whom?
2. How may we know a false prophet?
3. Whom did Jesus not imitate in His teaching?
4. What did Jesus call the man who, having great faults of his own, criticizes and judges another brother for faults?
5. Jesus said that some would attempt to justify their right to enter the kingdom of heaven by stating three deeds they had performed. What were these deeds? Why were these deeds not acceptable?
6. Does this statement completely express what Jesus said in Matthew 7:12: "Do not do unto others what you would not have them do unto you"?
7. Who is compared to the wise man who builds on the rock?
8. What must we do to be forgiven?
9. What consequence shall befall a tree that does not bring forth good fruit?
10. Where are pearls not to be cast?
11. Who shall fall in the ditch?
12. What reason did Jesus give for our not judging?
13. According to Jesus, what will be the result of our giving?
14. What does the fact that we are but men and know how to give good gifts to our children imply concerning God and His ability to give to us?
15. Out of what does the mouth speak?
16. Who shall enter the kingdom of heaven?
17. Give Jesus' description of the gate (way) that is least popular.
18. With what measure shall a man receive?
19. Why were the people astonished at the teaching of Jesus in this sermon?
20. What cannot an evil tree bring forth?

