

Here Comes The Judge



Matthew 7:1-6

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- ✦ **Sermon on the Mount:** Jesus strikes at the heart of pride, arrogance & hypocrisy.
- ✦ **The Context:** The Lord teaches on the character, influence, righteousness and priorities of the kingdom citizen.
- ✦ **The Text:** The method you use in judging others will be the same method used in judging you –

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Matthew 7:1-6 (NKJV)

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?

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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.

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Nature of The Judgment "Forbidden"

"Judge not, that you be not judged."

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Judge: κρίνω Trans: krinō – Pron: kree'-no
Part of Speech: v

- ✦ **Words used in KJV:** judge 88; determine 7; condemn 5; go to law 2; call in question 2; esteem 2; misc 8; [Total Count: 114]
- ✦ **properly to distinguish**, i.e. *decide* (mentally or judicially); by implication to *try, condemn, punish* :- avenge, conclude, condemn, damn, decree, determine, esteem, judge, go to (sue at the) law, ordain, call in question, sentence to, think.

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Not Forbidding All Types of Judgment

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Wise Discrimination Essential

Look Out For Logs – Dogs – Hogs – Wolves



Mat 7:3



Mat 7:6



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Mat 7:15-20

Text actually instructs us to make wise discernment!

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Understood In Everyday Life

- ✦ **Voting** . . . How people need to learn how to do it better!
- ✦ **Courts** . . . Some would do away with police officers, attorneys, and judges!
- ✦ **Business** . . . Who to hire, which job to take, who to fire . . .
- ✦ **Religion** . . . Being gullible, lazy and indifferent are not qualities of the spiritual truth seeker!

Scriptures Require That We Distinguish Between Right & Wrong, Truth & Error, Good & Evil . . .

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Not By Appearance, But Righteousness



John 7:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

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The Spiritual Tests All Things



1 Corinthians 2:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one.

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Wicked Men To Be Identified



1 Corinthians 5:12 (NKJV)

¹² For what *have I to do* with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside?

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Romans 16:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

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Test The Teaching of Men



1 John 4:1 (NKJV)

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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Acts 17:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so.

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God's Word Has Identified Sin



1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

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- ✦ We live in a day in which people hate moral and theological absolutes - (2 Tim. 4:2-4; 2 John 3:13)
- ✦ We live in a day in which people are being sucked down the moral sewer of sin – Where are those who have the courage to stand up and say “This is WRONG?”
- ✦ It is NOT unloving to call sin – sin – it is unloving NOT to -

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Leviticus 19:17-18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ 'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I *am* the LORD.

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Nature of The Judgment "Forbidden"



"Judge Not, That You Be Not Judged"

- ◆ Presumptively -
- ◆ Hastily or rashly -
- ◆ Unmercifully -
- ◆ Magisterially -
- ◆ Hypocritically -

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The Model

Luke 6:35-45 (NKJV)

³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

³⁶ Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. ³⁷ "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Do not consider another insignificant or unworthy of mercy –
Do not seek the destruction of another – seek reconciliation –
The same method you use will come back to you!

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Luke 6:35-45 (NKJV)

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?"

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Luke 6:35-45 (NKJV)

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?

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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.

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Luke 6:35-45 (NKJV)

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.

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**"Judge Not, That You Be
Not Judged"**

“If you harshly judge
others, then you can
expect to be harshly
judged by the Judge of
all” – [Hare, 77]

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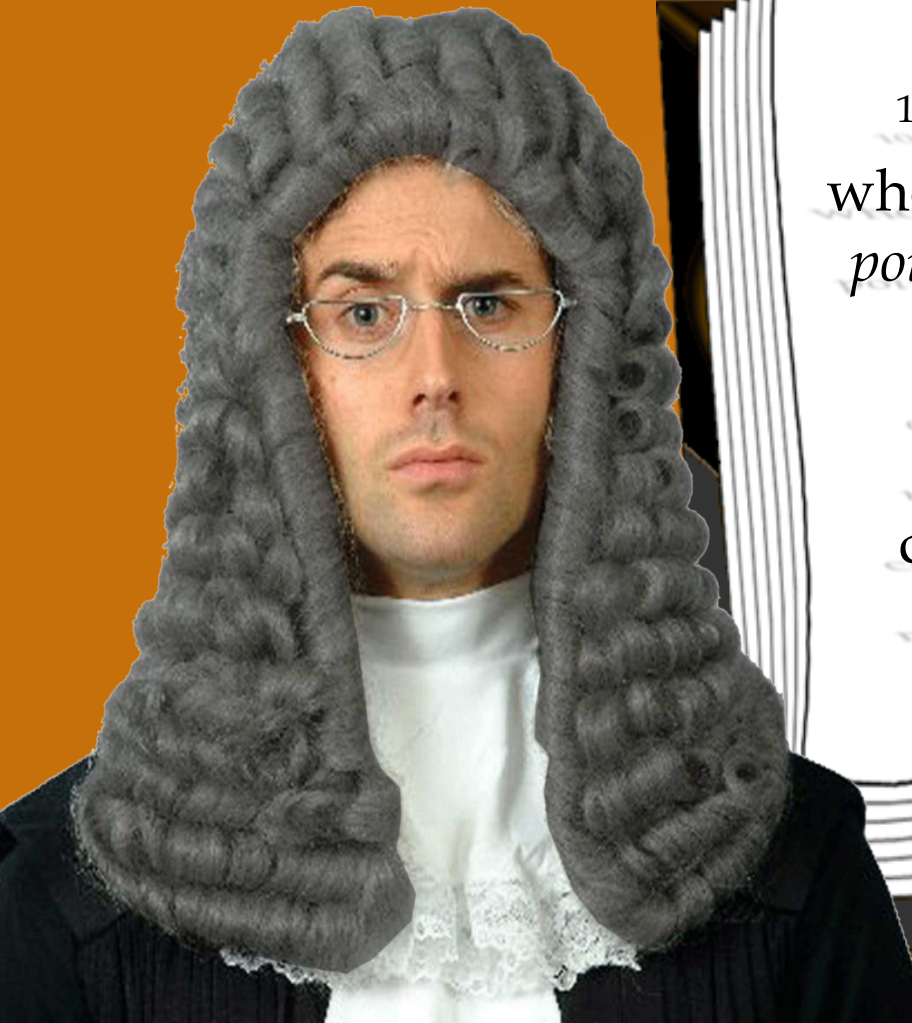


"Judge Not, That You Be Not Judged"

“A hypercritical, hypocritical disease of the soul that constantly finds fault with what others say and do. It is the attitude of the critic who *“arrogantly assumes a superiority that entitles him or her to assess the failings of others,”* [Hare, 76]

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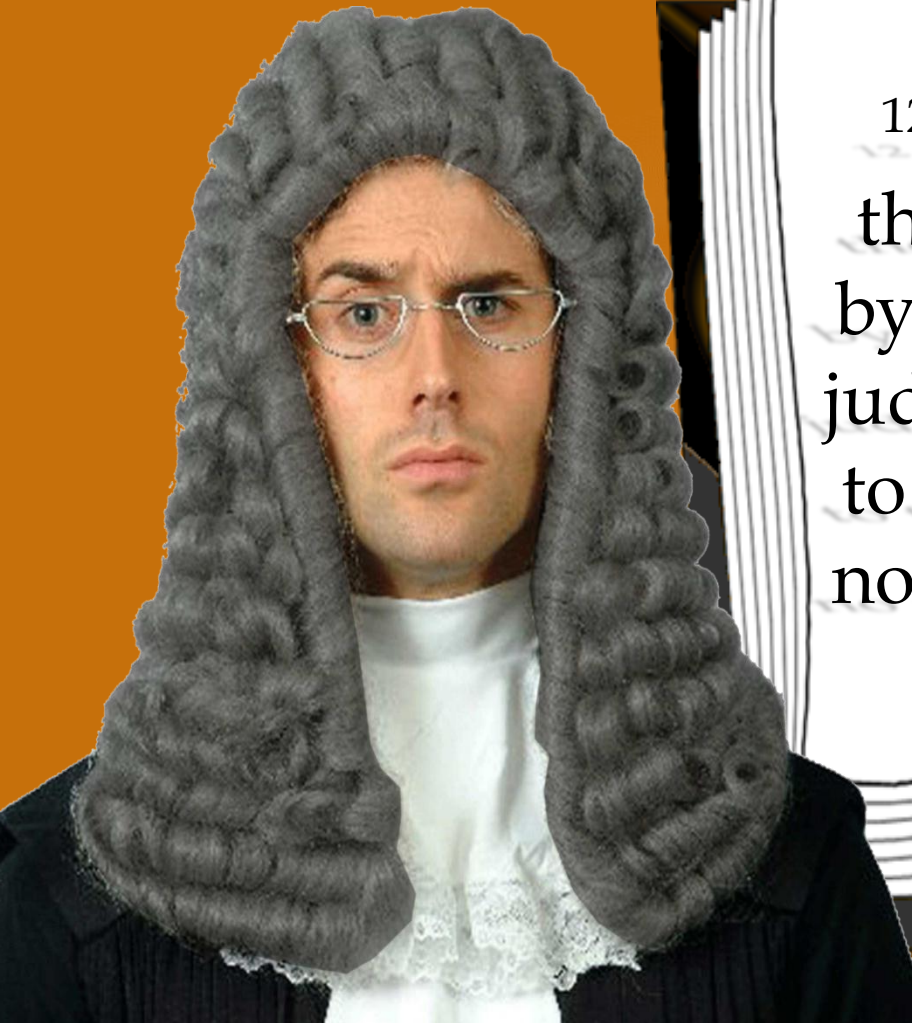


James 2:10-13 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all. ¹¹ For He who said, "*Do not commit adultery*," also said, "*Do not murder*." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

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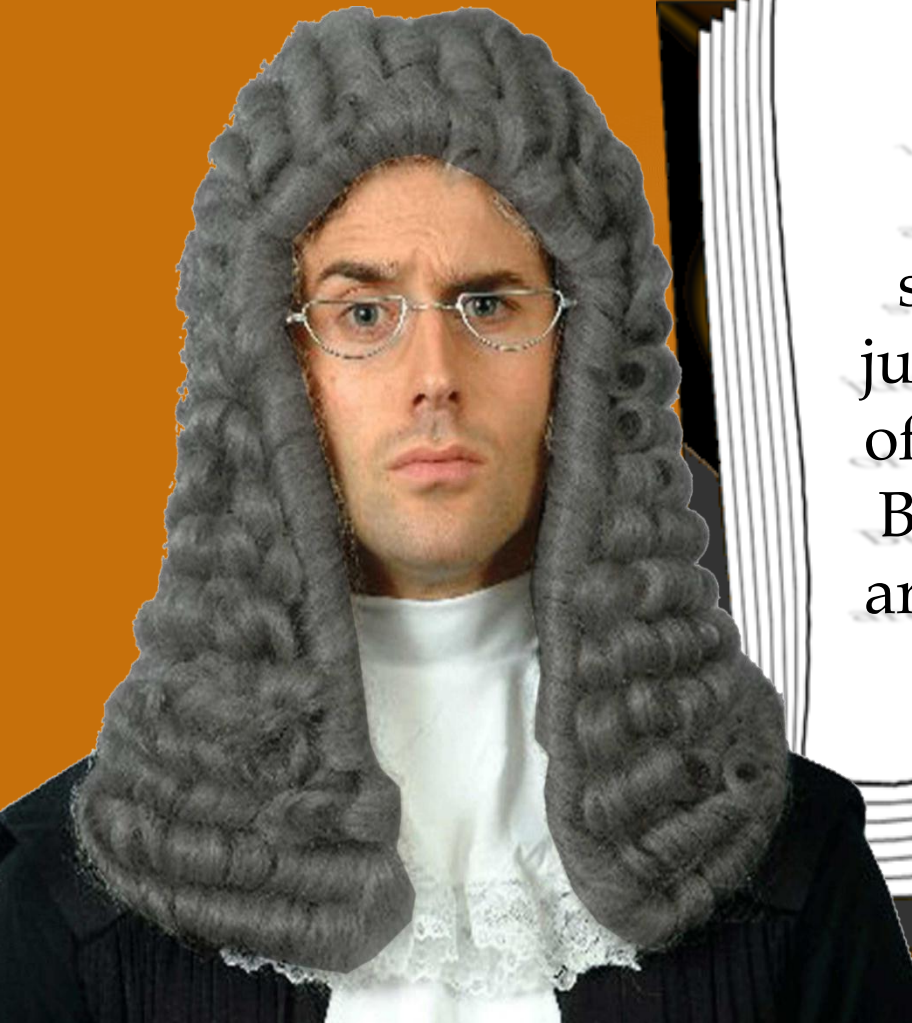


James 2:10-13 (NKJV)

¹² So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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James 4:11-12 (NKJV)

¹¹ Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

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James 4:11-12 (NKJV)

¹² There is one
Lawgiver, who is able
to save and to destroy.
Who are you to judge
another?

(James 3:13-18)

¹⁵ This wisdom does not descend from above,
but is earthly, sensual, demonic. . . .

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Why Do People Judge (Condemn)?



“Why Do You Look?”

- ✦ **Because of our iniquity** –
Mat. 7:3; Rom. 2:1-3;
- ✦ **Because of our insecurity** –
Luke 18:9-14; 2 Cor. 10:12
- ✦ **Because of our ignorance** –
1 Cor. 4:3-5; Prov. 18:13; Rom. 14
- ✦ **Because of our insensitivity** –
Luke 19:10; Rom. 9:1-3; 10:1-3

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What Is This Text Teaching Us?



We Bring Condemnation Upon Ourselves

- ◆ If we seek to condemn, belittle, or discard others as insignificant -
- ◆ If we condemn others while we ourselves harbor sin in our hearts -
- ◆ If we are unmerciful in our dealings with others -

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What Is This Text Teaching Us?



- ✦ We must engage in honest & Serious introspection – 2 Cor. 13:5
- ✦ Correcting our own sinful actions and attitudes so we can effectively help others – Gal. 6:1-3
- ✦ We need Sufficient humility to deal patiently with others – Titus 3:2,3

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Judgments Must Be Made

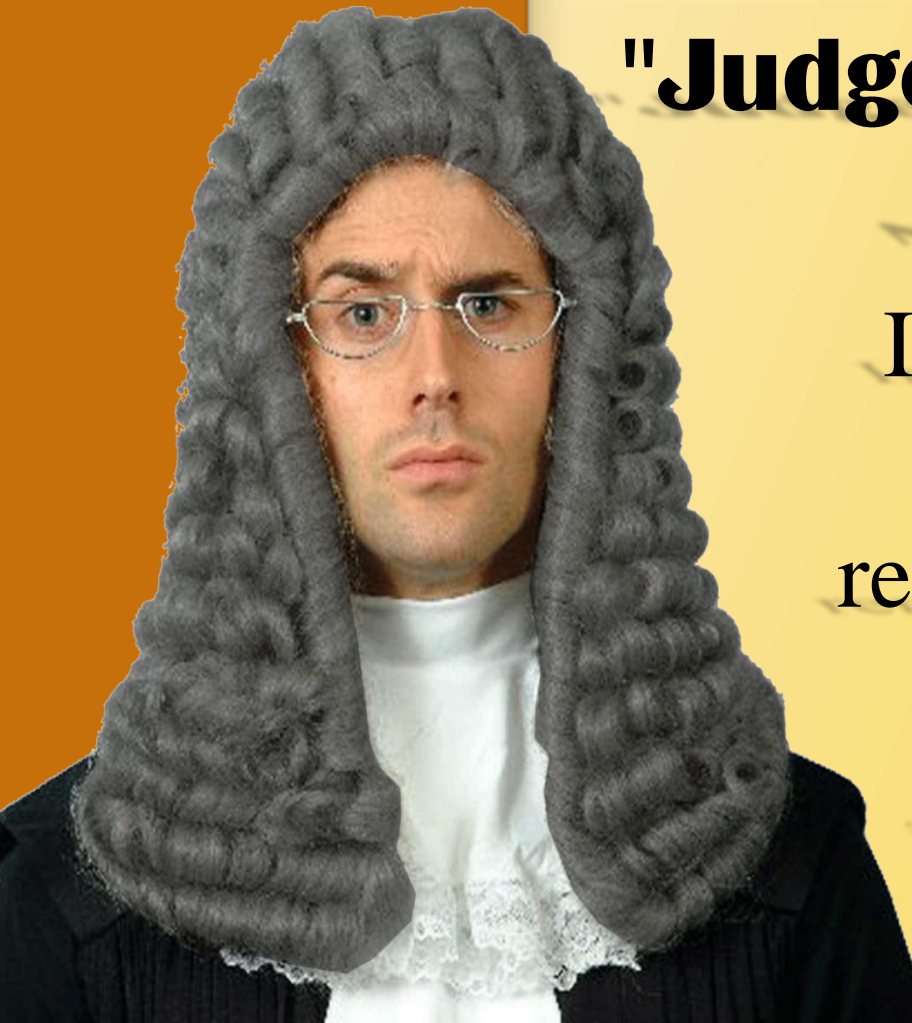
- ◆ With Love and Mercy
- ◆ With Knowledge of God's Law,
- ◆ With Knowledge of Circumstances -
(*not presumption*)
- ◆ With Substantial Evidence -
Without Prejudice –
- ◆ With The Understanding That
Whatever Standard I Use – The
Same Will Be Used Against Me.

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In all our dealings with others, we need to remember that we are not agents of the Lord's judgment, but of His salvation.



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The Judge Is Coming!!

Acts 17:30-31 (NKJV)

30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

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The Judge Is Coming!!



- ◆ He knows our sins –
- ◆ He knows our capabilities & shortcomings –
- ◆ He knows our heart –
- ◆ He knows our attitude –
- ◆ Do you need the Lord's mercy and forgiveness?

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