

Do Not Judge
Matthew 7:1-6

Review:

1. We should not sit in judgment on others because we can't see inside their hearts and because our own perspective is distorted by sin
2. We must not sit in judgment on others because, as mere subjects of God's Kingdom, we have no authority to do so
3. We must judge all of life according to God's Word, condemning sin, even though some people will remain unalterably opposed to God's law of love
4. We must apply God's word to ourselves with humility before we can help others see Jesus more clearly

Go Further: Read Psalm 2

1. What two questions does the psalmist ask in verse 1?
2. Whom do the kings and rulers of the earth oppose in verse 2?
3. What do the kings and rulers plan to do in verse 3?
4. In verse 4, what is God's response to the way powerful people oppose Him?
5. What is God's reaction to His opponents in verse 5? How does this give you comfort?
6. Where does verse 6 say God has enthroned His King? Why do you think this place is so significant?
7. How does God describe His relationship with the King in verse 7? Given this description, Who is this King?
8. What does God say He will give the King in verse 8? Is there anyone or anywhere that is not part of the King's jurisdiction?
9. What does God say the King will do to the nations in verse 9? Do you think these are the same nations mentioned in verse 1? Why or why not?
10. In verse 10, the Psalmist gives some advice to human rulers. How does he describe these rulers?
11. What two things does he suggest these rulers do in verse 11?
12. How does the psalmist suggest that these rulers treat God's Son in verse 12?
13. What does the psalmist say will happen to those who refuse to humble themselves before God's Son?
14. In contrast, what does the psalmist promise to those who trust in God's Son?

Apply:

1. Have you ever witnessed powerful people taking a stand against Biblical truth? What parts of God's law do you think such human rulers find most objectionable today?
2. In verse 11, the psalmist advises human rulers to rejoice with trembling. How is it possible to do both of these things at once in the presence of God? Why would it be especially important for human rulers to do this?
3. Having read this psalm, what conclusions do you draw about the authority and power of the Son of God?
4. Given what you know about human rulers today, does this Psalm give you hope and comfort? If so, how?