

Study of Matthew 7

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Matthew 7:1-29

Judge not, that you be not judged.

YHVH is telling us that we do not have the capacity to judge other people's hearts, He is the only one that can do that, but **IF** you choose to judge other people anyway, then YHVH promises **YOU**, that He will judge **YOU** by the very same standard that **YOU** judged other people, and that is exactly what Messiah says in *verse 2 For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged: And with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.*

Verse 3 And why do you behold the mote (sliver) that is in your brother's eye, But you don't consider the beam that is in your own eye?

YHVH is saying that when we take it upon ourselves to judge others, that all people actually neglect to do any self analysis to see what kind of character they have, and in most instances, what they are accusing the other person of doing, is exactly what they are doing, and sometimes in a more severe way.

Any tradesman will tell you that the worst inspectors are the people that were failed contractors in their trade, and they make the worst inspectors because they have a chip on their shoulders, because of their failures, and they take it out on the tradesmen that are doing a good job in their respected fields.

*Verse 4 Or how will you say to your brother, Let me pull out the mote (the sliver) out of your eye; and, behold, a beam (a large log) is in thine own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of your own eye; and **THEN** shall you see clearly to cast out the mote out of your brother's eye.*

As you can see our heavenly Father wants us to do a thorough self analysis before opening our mouths to criticize anyone else's behaviour, and **IF** we obey him and actually do that thorough self analysis, we will realize that we are probably just as guilty as that person is, on whatever infraction, or character flaw, that we are complaining that that person has, and that self analysis, will hopefully help us shut our mouths, and leave the judging of people's hearts, to YHVH.

6 Do NOT give that which is holy unto the dogs,

(Holy, Strong's Number 6944, קֹדֶשׁ, qôdesh, from 6942; a sacred place or thing; sanctity, a consecrated thing, a dedicated hing, a hallowed, thing, holiness, most holy, day, portion, thing, saint, sanctuary)

Neither cast your pearls before swine,

A pearl is something of great value, therefore Messiah compares His Word, His Doctrine that comes directly from the mouth of our heavenly Father, to pearls, even though His Word has an even greater value than pearls, and he commands us to **NOT** give what is so precious to Him and us, to swine. By using the swine who is an unkosher animal, as a metaphor, YHVH is telling us to **NOT** waste our time with people that are **NOT** in the least bit interested in hearing about His eternal **TRUTH**, His Torah of Life, people that have already made it known that they are against His Words, His Doctrine, His Torah Life, for they will only trample all over all of the wisdom that is contained in His beautiful Torah of Life, and when they do that, they may influence you or other people that are listening in on your conversation to discard the Word, the Torah of YHVH.

Lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

We have to understand that satan is a master manipulator, and that he will take every opportunity to influence and convince people that the Torah of YHVH has indeed been done away with, therefore when these people are confronted with the fact that the Torah, our heavenly Father's eternal Doctrine **is still in full effect**, the only response they can give is to trash the Torah and try and convince people that obeying the Torah, actually puts them in bondage, which means that they are trampling underfoot, what YHVH has called Holy, His Words of Life, His Torah of Life. Amein

Before we go to the next *verse* it is important that we understand that it is Messiah that is speaking here, and that Messiah **IS** the Living Torah made flesh, He **IS** the Word of our heavenly Father in the flesh, and as the Word of the Father made flesh He says in *verse 7*

Ask, and it shall be given you;

Seek, and you shall find;

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

Now please understand that it is the Word of our heavenly Father, His Torah of Life made flesh that is speaking here, and therefore it is understood that the person that is listening to His Words, **IS** a person that has chosen to shemah His word, a person that has chosen to hear, listen, understand, believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Torah of our heavenly Father, exactly as Messiah Himself followed and obeyed the Father's Torah and taught us to do the same. Therefore when Messiah says in *verse 8*

For every one that asks receives;

And he that seeks (with his whole heart) finds;

And to him that knocks it shall be opened;

It is understood that these things will only be done for the people who willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Father's Torah of Life, and then pray for these things to be manifested in their lives.

Proverbs 28:9 He that turns away his ear from hearing the Torah (shemah), even his prayer shall be abomination.

(The word shemah means to hear, listen, understand, believe, follow, obey and **DO**, what YHVH has commanded you to do)

Next Messiah speaks of the benevolence of our heavenly Father.

*Verse 9 Or what man is there of you, whom, **IF** his son ask bread, will he 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 unto your children,*

***HOW MUCH MORE** shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?*

No matter how much any one of us gives, we cannot out give our heavenly Father, for He loves us all with a perfect and infinite love, and He wants the best for each and every member of His family.

Next Messiah gives a teaching on reaping what we have sown in *verse 12 Therefore all things whatsoever that you would want people **to do to you, CHOOSE to do these things unto them:*** for then you will indeed reap **GOOD** fruit, for you will be sowing love and reaping what you have sown.

For this is the Torah and the Prophets, reaping what you have sown, is taught throughout the Torah of YHVH, which is what the Prophets of old came to teach us.

*Verse 13 Enter in at the **STRAIT GATE: WHY?***

***BECAUSE** wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to **DESTRUCTION**, and there are **MANY** that choose that gate:*

BUT** instead choose the Gate that YHVH has put before you, and wants all of us to go through, the Straight and upright Gate, called His Torah of Life, and again I ask **WHY?

***BECAUSE** strait is the gate, and **narrow** is the Way, which leads unto **LIFE**,*

Messiah is the Living Torah made flesh, and Messiah made it abundantly clear in *John 14:6* When He said,

I am the Way,

(According to Messiah, apart from Him, the Living Torah made flesh, we can do Nothing, so if that is the case, then we had better learn to follow Him, or else we will be going the wrong way, and we will **NOT** be able to accomplish anything)

*The **TRUTH***

(According to Scripture the **TRUTH** is YHVH's Torah of Life, the very same Torah that He gave to Moses at Mount Sinai, and the very same Torah that became flesh and dwelt among us a *Psalm 119:142, Your righteousness is an everlasting Righteousness and Your Torah **IS THE TRUTH***)

The LIFE

(According to Scripture, obedience to the Torah of YHVH **IS** life to all who willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow, obey and **DO** it):

*No man comes unto the Father, **BUT BY ME.***

(Messiah, who is the Living Torah made flesh, ends this *verse* in *John 14* by saying that **NO ONE** can come to the Father unless they go through Him, **THE LIVING TORAH MADE FLESH**, therefore that means that **IF** anyone chooses to reject the Torah, because they have been erroneously taught that it has somehow been abolished and or done away with in whole or in part, and that it has or deserves to be thrown on the thrash heap of History, then according to Messiah, who, as I said above, **IS** the Living Torah made flesh, you cannot come to the Father, and **IF** you cannot come to the Father, then you cannot be part of the Father's Family, which means that you cannot enter the kingdom of Elohim, which in turn means, that, like the five unwise virgins, you will be left out in the cold and you will not be attending, nor be part of the wedding supper of the Lamb, and you will forever be outside the kingdom of Elohim.

*And **FEW** there be that find it.*

That is one of the saddest statements in all of Scripture. I don't know what number the word **FEW** represents, but you can be assured that it won't be **MANY** for Messiah has said that **MANY** will choose to take the *wide gate, and the broad way, that leads to **DESTRUCTION.***

These people that choose the Broad Way, are being deceived and it is up to us as watchmen on the wall to warn them, that they have inherited lies from their church fathers, their synagogue leaders, and the so called elite of the world, exactly as Jeremiah told us in *Jeremiah 16:19 O YHVH, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto You from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited **LIES, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.***

*Verse 15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, **BUT** inwardly they are ravening wolves. You shall know them by their fruits.*

Messiah Himself is telling us that we are to pay close attention to what people **DO** for their deeds will tell us what kind of people they are. That is one of the reasons why, YHVH gave us His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life! Let me explain, although there is no denying that obedience to the Torah gives us Life, for that is **HOW** and **WHY** YHVH created it in the first place, **BUT** it is much more than just that, it is also a discernment tool, for **IF** people keep the Torah of YHVH in the manner that Messiah did and taught us to **DO**, if they function in the manner that YHVH created them to function, **THEN** you can trust them, in what they say and do, **BUT IF** they believe that the Torah has somehow been abolished in whole or in part, and especially if they believe that obeying the Torah as our heavenly Father and Messiah both Commanded us to do, is being in bondage, then it is best to **NOT** believe nor even associate with them, for a little leaven will eventually leaven the whole loaf.

Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? People that have willingly chosen to discard and **NOT** obey the Torah of YHVH, the very same Torah that He gave to Moses at Mount Sinai, the very same Torah that came to earth, and was manifested in the flesh as Messiah, **ARE** the **THORNS** spoken of here in *Matthew 7*.

Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit;

The good fruit that this is talking about is the good fruit of the Holy Spirit of Elohim found in *Galatians 5:22* *But the fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law;*

And please understand that according to *Ezekiel 36:26-27* *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT within you, and CAUSE you to walk in My Statutes, and you shall Keep My Judgments (My Torah), and do them.*

Here in Ezekiel 36:26-27 we are told **WHY** YHVH gives us His Holy Spirit, it is so that He can **CAUSE** every surrendered contrite obedient Heart to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Father's Torah of Life, the Holy Spirit is given to us, by the grace of our heavenly Father, to help us function in the obedient manner that YHVH created us to function in, for we are created to obey His Word, so that we can spend eternity with Him.

But a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit.

And the evil fruit that the corrupt tree brings is found in *Galatians 5:19* *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; 1 - adultery, 2 - fornication, 3 - uncleanness, 4 - lasciviousness, 5 - idolatry, 6 - witchcraft, 7 - hatred, 8 - variance, 9 - emulations, 10 - wrath, 11 - strife, 12 - seditions, 13 - heresies, 14- envyings, 15 - murders, 16 - drunkenness, 17 - revellings, 18 - and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that **they who do such things SHALL NOT inherit the kingdom of Elohim.***

The number eighteen in Scripture speaks of bondage, which tells us that real bondage, is keeping the ways of the world, for according to Messiah believing, following, obeying and **DOING** the Torah of YHVH, the very same Torah that He gave to Moses and to us at Mount Sinai, **SETS US FREE.**

A **GOOD TREE**, a tree that functions in the manner that YHVH created it to function **CANNOT** bring forth **evil fruit**, **NEITHER CAN** a **CORRUPT TREE** bring forth **good fruit**, (for the corrupt tree does **NOT** function in the manner that YHVH created it to function, and that is why it is corrupt),

Therefore Every tree that does NOT bring forth GOOD fruit, the kind of fruit that functions in the manner that YHVH created it function, with love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, temperance and belief: is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

In Scripture men are often compared to trees, and this is no exception, for the corrupt tree, is a metaphor for a corrupt person, a person who continually transgresses the Father's Torah of Life, those who are habitual sinners, for they obviously are **NOT** functioning in the manner that YHVH created them to **FUNCTION**, they do **NOT** believe, nor follow, nor obey YHVH's Torah of Life, and therefore, they are the ones that will be cut down and tossed into the fires of hell.

*Verse 20 Wherefore by their fruits, by the way that they function, by their every deeds, **YOU shall know them.***

Next YHVH gives all of us a warning that we are **NOT** to be superficial, but that we are to be sincere and zealous in our love and worship of Him, for both the Father and the Son have said, **IF** you Love Me, keep My Commandments, and Messiah has made it abundantly clear that His Commandments are the Father's Commandments, and **NOT** His own Commandments

*Verse 21 Not every one that says unto me, Adonai Adonai shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; But he that does the **WILL** of My Father who is in heaven.*

*The important question that we must ask, **IS** what **IS** the **WILL** of our heavenly Father according to Scripture? This question is very important, since the **ONLY** way to enter the kingdom of heaven is by doing the **WILL** of our heavenly father.*

*Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such a heart in them (Israel), that they would fear Me, and Keep **ALL** My Commandments (Torah) always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!*

*Deuteronomy 10:12-13 And now, Israel, what does YHVH your Elohim **REQUIRE** of YOU, **BUT** to fear YHVH your Elohim, to walk in **ALL HIS WAYS** (His Torah of Life), and to love Him (If you love me keep My commandments, My Torah), and to serve YHVH your Elohim with **ALL** your heart and with **ALL** your soul, To keep the Commandments of YHVH, and His Statutes (Torah), which I command you this day for your good?*

*Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what is good (the word good is translated from the Hebrew word Tov, which does mean good but it has a much deeper meaning, it means that YHVH has shown us how we are to **function** in the very same Torah obedient manner that Messiah functioned and taught us to function); and what YHVH **requires** of you, **BUT** to do **justly**, (the only way to do justly, is by willingly and lovingly choosing to believe, follow, obey and **DO** what YHVH has Commanded us to do, as Messiah did and taught us to do) and finally we are to love mercy, and to walk humbly (in obedience to) your Elohim?*

YHVH has made it abundantly clear to all of us, what His will **IS**, even though there are many religious leaders and their followers that will dispute it. His will is that we **ALL** begin to believe, follow, obey and **DO** His Torah of Life, the very same Torah that He gave to Moses at

Mount Sinai, the very same Torah that became flesh and dwelt among us, the Torah that is full of YHVH's **TRUTH** and **GRACE**.

*Many will say to me in that day, Adonai, Adonai,
Have we not prophesied in Your Name?
And in Your Name, have rebuked devils?
And in Your Name done many wonderful works?*

This appears to be a bunch of religious believers who think they are doing the will of Elohim, **BUT** what they are doing is doing their own will, doing things their own manner, relying on their own understanding, for the only way that **ANYONE** can serve and worship Elohim, is **BY** learning to believe, follow, obey and **DO** His Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions. Do you recall what Messiah said to Peter when Messiah told him that He would wash his feet and Peter refused? Messiah actually called him an agent of satan? Messiah said in *Matthew 16:23* *Get yourself behind me, satan: You Peter are an offence unto Me: **BECAUSE YOU do NOT** savour, cherish, the things that are of Elohim, **BUT** you savour the things that are of men.*

Please understand that Peter **thought** he was doing the right thing, in his mind, he reasoned that what he was about to do was right, by **NOT** allowing Messiah to wash his feet, but what he was really doing, is exactly what these people here in *Matthew 7* were doing, he was relying on his own understanding, rather than do what Messiah the Living Torah wanted him to do. David did the very same thing, when he first tried to bring the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem; for they sang and danced and praised YHVH, just like a good old Pentecostal revival meeting, and when the Ark arrived at Nachon's threshing floor, the cart that the Ark was on was shaking and Uzzah put his hand forth to stop the Ark from falling and he was struck dead by YHVH. The lesson that we are to learn from this, **IS** that David was **doing things his own way**, and **NOT** in the prescribed manner of the written Torah of YHVH, the very same Torah that YHVH gave to Moses at Mount Sinai, and David was totally confused, for He **thought** that he was worshipping Elohim by these deeds, **BUT** in his zeal to return the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem, he did things **his own way**, totally **disregarding** what was written in the Torah of YHVH, that clearly states that only the sons of Aaron, the Priests, can look upon and handle the Ark of the Covenant, and therefore since David did **NOT** follow the protocol written in the Torah, Uzzah died, which caused David to be very confused. The reason that I am giving you all this information is that you will know, that just because **YOU**, or anyone else for that matter thinks they are doing what is **right**, we have to learn to first inquire of YHVH and what is written in His Torah of Life, what the will of Elohim **IS**, for each and every situation and or circumstances we find ourselves in, and when the situation has been clarified by the Torah, and we know that it is the **WILL** of YHVH, then and only then is it safe to proceed.

*And then I Messiah, will profess unto them,
I never knew you: Messiah the Living Torah is saying I was never intimate with you and you never intimate with Me, **NOR** with the Father's Torah, **YOU** never followed nor obeyed the*

Torah of YHVH, the very same Torah that He gave to Moses at Mount Sinai, therefore I **DON'T KNOW** you. And since I do **NOT** know you, because we have **NEVER** been in an intimate relationship together, then I Messiah the Living Torah made flesh want **YOU** to Depart from Me.

We have to understand that there are only two positions available to us in this life, either we are for YHVH, which means that we have chosen to believe, follow, obey and **DO** His Torah of Life, or else we take the position that the Torah of YHVH is abolished and therefore it is **NOT** to be followed, nor obeyed, in which case, the people that take this position, that the Torah is **NOT** for them, are working iniquity, since iniquity, is Sin, and Sin **IS** transgression of the Torah of YHVH, which they have chosen to discard, and I can honestly assure anyone that takes this position, that they will hear Messiah, who is the same, yesterday, today and forever, they will hear Him say, depart from Me, you that have discarded the Father's Torah of Life, and therefore work iniquity, Torahlessness, for I, the Living Torah made flesh, **NEVER KNEW YOU**.

You that work iniquity, You that transgress My Father's Torah of Life on a daily basis.

*Therefore whosoever hears (shemah) these sayings of Mine (My Commandments, My Doctrine. My Torah), and actually chooses to **DO** them, **THEN** I will liken that man to a wise man, who chose to build his house upon a rock (a solid foundation), and the Rock, the solid foundation, that that man, and all of us are Commanded to build our house on, **IS** the foundational Rock that followed Israel in the wilderness, the Spiritual Rock that **ALL** of Israel drank from in the wilderness, and that Spiritual Rock **IS** Messiah, the Living Torah of YHVH, who was eventually made flesh and dwelt among us.*

*And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; (this is a picture of the devil coming to steal, kill and destroy, **BUT** since that man built his house on the Rock, the Very same **ROCK** that has been watching over Israel from the beginning), **THEN**, the house, the family, the people of YHVH, **DID NOT FALL**: for it was founded upon **THE ROCK**, the Living Torah made flesh.*

*And every one that hears these sayings of Mine, and **DOES NOT DO THEM, SHALL be likened** unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house;*

As I said above, the devil has come to steal, kill and destroy, and He is good at what he does, especially **IF** the people that he is coming against have been deceived into believing his Lies, the lies that their Elohim given protective covering, YHVH's Torah of Life, has somehow, been done away with, and or abolished in whole or in part, for then their covering, their foundation is built on sand, which is a metaphor for all man made false doctrines, words that do **NOT**, in any way, line up with the Father's Torah of Life, Words and Doctrines that are forever shifting and changing to suit the times that they live in, and what happens to those kind of houses that are built on sand, which is a metaphor for the shifting man made false doctrines, the bad foundations of all man made doctrines?

*And it **FELL**: and **GREAT** was the fall of it.*

*And it came to pass, when Yeshua had ended these sayings, (when Yeshua had ended speaking the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, the Father's Doctrine, the very same Doctrine that our heavenly Father gave to Moses at Mount Sinai, and Commanded Messiah to speak) **THEN** the people were astonished at His **Doctrine**: For He, Messiah taught them as one having authority, and **NOT** as the scribes.*

Since Messiah is the Word of our heavenly Father made flesh, it means that He has **ALL** the authority of our heavenly Father, which means that **ALL** things are possible for Him, through our heavenly Father, who is in heaven, and even though the people did **NOT** understand who He was, they sensed that He was a man of Authority. Amein

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem!*