



“For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water.”

Revelation 7:17

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Sunday
Bible Class 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
Worship 6:00pm
Wednesday
Bible Class 7:00pm

from the **Springs**

Passing Judgment on Others

Clint Brown

Most people know very little about the Bible. But among those who are willing to admit this sad fact, even they often know one verse, **Matthew 7:1**, “Do not judge, that you be not judged.” Our current culture feeds us a constant diet of the societal rule that passing judgment on another person’s actions is the cardinal sin. The prevailing attitude is that no one should be considered evil, with one exception—those who dare to claim that a person’s beliefs or personal practices are wrong! We seem, as a society, to accept this inconsistent philosophy as the only rule in the playbook.

Another passage believed to teach this ill-conceived idea is **Romans 2:1**, “You are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself.” But this is not the meaning of the verse, nor the lesson of the passage. Let us first consider what this verse does not teach before we notice the powerful lesson that it does teach.

The passage is clearly not condemning the practice of making moral judgments. Paul had just written fourteen verses of scathing condemnation of the immoral beliefs and practices of the pagans. He would hardly turn around in the first verse of the next chapter to condemn the very thing he himself was clearly doing. Morally sensitive people must make moral judgments if they expect to avoid the immorality that surrounds them on a daily basis. Anyone who refuses to recognize and condemn such immoralities as Paul

just mentioned would be a moral monster. He who refuses to reject and expose such evils as fornication, murder, rebellion (1:29-31), and the marriage-threatening promotion of homosexuality (1:26-27) should be considered part of the problem and not part of the solution. It is true that God’s word warns against hypocritical judgment (Mt. 7:1-4), as well as premature judgment passed on insufficient evidence (John 7:24), but nowhere does the Bible tell us that making moral distinctions is an ungodly practice. So the Bible doesn’t condemn accurate and vigilant moral discernment. It positively enjoins it (Eph. 5:11-17; 2 Cor. 6:14).

Similarly, the passage under consideration, Romans 2:1-11, warns against arrogant, self-righteous condemnation passed on others without recognizing one’s own need for the grace of God. But what is the specific lesson of Romans 2:1-11? Paul had just exposed the depth of debauchery seen in the pagan world and concluded by showing that the most depraved of people will actually begin to defend such practices as acceptable. Although they “know the righteous judgment of God against those who practice such things... they not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them” (1:32). Not only are some people’s moral sensitivities so darkened that they freely engage in debauched behavior, they may also become cheerleaders of those on the cutting edge of moral anarchy.

The apostle then anticipates the religionist’s bold agreement with the

condemnation of the pagan but who remains blissfully unconcerned with his own moral failures. In this passage, Paul is driving to his main point that all men are desperately in need of a gracious Savior—both those who are unable to recognize just how bad they really are (the pagans of chapter 1), and those who are able, but obtusely unwilling, to recognize just how bad they really are (the people of God in chapter 2). So he capitalizes on their admission of a universal moral standard in making such judgments. If they want to hold the pagan accountable to God’s universal moral standard they must be willing to hold themselves accountable to it as well. But are they? Do they really understand what this entails? Are they really sure they are ready to enter a judgment where God “renders to each one according to his deeds?” (see 2:6). If we are willing to allow our eternal lives to hinge on our own ability to adhere to God’s moral standards will anyone be

saved? Paul says no! When personal adherence to God’s moral law becomes the basis of eternal life, no one will be saved because “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (3:23). The religionist retorts, “We know the judgment of God is rightly against those who practice such things” (2:2), but Paul says, “you practice the same things” so the judgment of God is rightly against you too! They may not be practicing homosexuality, but they have violated the law of God in their hypocrisy (2:21-22). They may not be promoting the heathen practices of idolatry and murder, but they have dishonored God by their own violations of his law (2:23). The lesson is clear. All are in need of the gracious provision of forgiveness through Jesus, and until one is willing to humbly accept this truth and come to Christ he cannot possess the attitude necessary to properly guide the pagan in religious doctrine and moral instruction. Until then he is

spurning the riches of God’s patience toward himself (2:4), and in accordance with his impenitent heart, he is actually treasuring up for himself the same wrath of God he celebrates on the head of the ungodly (2:5).

God’s people should keep these powerful lessons clearly in mind. While we bemoan the moral deterioration of our culture and make wise and righteous moral judgments, we must never forget that if we were to be judged by the same moral standard we would be found equally condemned as our non-Christian neighbors. Only by God’s grace in Christ were we delivered from the law as the basis of judgment. So let us humbly and thankfully take the gospel message to those not yet saved by it, not exalting ourselves above the sinners of the world, but humbling ourselves under the lordship of Jesus as those who have been graciously saved by him.

Sermon Outline

No One Else: The Leper

1. About the _____

- A. Changed his _____.
- B. Cut off from _____.

2. About the _____

- A. What the Leper _____
 - i. What he believed in was his _____; what he pleaded for was _____.
 - ii. Salvation isn’t something God _____ to do, but something He _____ to do.
- B. Who the Lord _____.
- C. We are _____ and brought back into community with God and His saved people through the _____ of Christ.

3. About _____

- A. Do we show a Jesus who is willing to do anything and everything to cut through the red tape and touch the _____.
- B. Where are we willing to go to _____ hurting people with the love of Jesus?

Notes: _____

no one else
stories of desperation and salvation
NEW SERMON SERIES



FIRST SUNDAY FOCUS FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK TODAY

**MORNING CLASS 9:30AM...WORSHIP 10:30AM...POTLUCK
LUNCH...FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON WORSHIP AT 1:30PM
(THERE WILL BE NO EVENING SERVICE)**



Precious baby Everleigh Kate is on her way
Let's shower her mom before the Big Day!

Join us for a shower honoring

Caroline Westover

Saturday, June 30th – 11:00am to 2:00pm

At the home of Renee Frisinger

14022 Timberline Trail, Austin 78737 – (512)497-7112

Hosted by: Sheri Bangs, Jeri Belyea, Renee Frisinger,
Melissa Lovelace, Lindsey Pogue & Jessica Rutledge

Caroline is registered at Amazon, Buy Buy Baby & Target

For the Record

Week of May 20

Sunday AM..... 168

Contribution \$8,163

Week of May 27

Sunday AM.....167

Contribution11,751

Elders:

Tracy Frisinger

Bill Hyde

Roland Merz

Kelly Miller

Deacons:

Randy Banks

Stephen Estrada

John Gray

Damon Hyde

Jay Kelsey

Winston Kinser

Matt Walker

Joel Wilkinson

Brian Wilks

Robert Wright

Tim Wright

Ministers:

Steven Akin

Jacob Rutledge

Mission Works

Joshua Ankiah

South Africa

Daniel Sackey

Liberia, West Africa

Peter Chin

Four Seas Bible College

(Singapore)

Tom Jackson

Lancaster, New Hampshire

Life Verlooy

Rice Lake, Wisconsin

John Moore

Bible Passages

Troy Spradlin

Paraguay Mission Work

Hensel Youth Camp

Southwest School of Bible

Studies

World Video Bible School

Announcements

Prayer List

Church Family:

Opaline Bonner, Paul & Lolly Brown, Mary Crumley, Peggy Hinesley, Vivian Hinesley, Cora Jonas, Byron Pogue, Frank Simonetti, Norman & Betty Starling

Shut-ins & Other Needs

Nelawyn Dalley, Tom Hickey, Alene McNair

HCC Resident

Nancy Wallace

Lavender Springs Residents

Marvin & Mary Crumley

Family & Friends of Church Family

Cyndi & Kelly Arbuckle, Pat Balderas, Tom Barthel, Amanda Dennie, Carye Barker - Dowell, Ray Frisinger, Carol Hiennman, James Gee, Bridgitte Hurlbut, Hank Karr, Lura (Stovall) Lyles, Monty & Linda McNair, Gary & Sandra Montgomery, Mary Moore, Edward O'Daniel, Avis Yates Rivers, Andrew Sanchez, Regina Sanchez, Shirley Scott, Mary Sharp, Lisa Shepard, Dennis Tilley, Barbara Valle, Don Walker, Gary Williamson, Tommy Williamson

Bereavement: The Barthel/Burrell & Robin/Frisinger Families

New to Prayer List

Tommy Williamson, brother of Denny & Joe Williamson's brother, had a foot amputated on Thursday and is being treated for a staph infection at this time and is at St. Davids Hospital South Austin.

Peggy Hinesley is scheduled for surgery on July 11th.

Cora Jonas is at Encompass Health South Rehabilitation Hospital where she will remain until knee replacement surgery on June 11.

Judy Barthel, mother of Doyla Burrell, Memorial Service will be June 16th 10:00am at : Arcadia Church of Christ 9624 FM 138; Center, Tx 75935

Announcements

Youth Classroom Promotions start today; New Quarter—New Classroom (any questions about if or what classroom your child is promoted to, see Jay Kelsey)

End of School Bash Today for 7th-12th Graders at TopGolf; Bus leaves the building at 7:00pm

New Sermon Series starts today "No One Else: Stories of Salvation & Desperation"

First Sunday Focus & Fellowship Potluck

today following morning worship

NO Fellowship Care Group Meeting on TODAY due to First Sunday Focus

VBS Refreshments Sign-Up Sheet is on the back table in the auditorium

VBS Post Cards are on the back table in the auditorium, so if you could pick up a few and mail them out to family, friends, or hand them out to neighbors

Mark Your Calendars

TODAY - First Sunday Focus & Fellowship Potluck; bring your favorite potluck dish to share with the congregation

Jun 7 - Good Samaritans; 9:30am in room 101 (all are welcome)

Jun 21 - Good Samaritans; 9:30am in room 101 (all are welcome)

Jun 30 - Caroline Westover's Baby Shower; 11-2pm at the home of Renee Frisinger (Caroline is registered at: Amazon, Target & BuyBuy Baby)

Jul 29 - Fifth Sunday Nursing Home Singing; 2:30pm

Aug 17-23 - Polishing the Pulpit

Youth Calendar

Pew Packers

"Sharpen the Sword" Devo & Ultimate Frisbee

Prayer & Coffee for 9-12th grade

Youth Singing Class

Friends in Faith Dinner

(All the Above Youth Activities Have Ended for the School Year, but will Resume in September)

STARTING TODAY - Youth Classroom Promotions; New Quarter—New Classroom

TODAY - End of School Bash (7th-12th Grade) at TopGolf; Bus leaves the building at 7:00 and returning around 10:30-11pm

Jun 10-15 - Camp Hensel

Jun 25-27 - VBS; Jesus Christ: Chief Hero of Faith

Jun 29-30 - Youth Fishing Trip to Aransas Pass

Jul 8-11 - DSCofC Mission Trip to Arkansas (details to follow)

Jul 22-27 - Peach Valley Camp

Aug 3-5 - Discipleship University

Lesson Titles for Today

A.M.— No One Else: The Leper

P.M.— The Holiness of God

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, June 3

Morning

Announcements Robert Wright
Scripture Reading To Be Selected
Song Leader Brian Wilks
Opening Prayer..... Russell Speir
Sermon Jacob Rutledge
Closing Prayer Mark Somervelle

Evening

Song Leader Maverick Walker
Opening Prayer Mark Somervelle
Sermon Jacob Rutledge
Closing Prayer Clinton Rutherford

Lord's Table

Roland Merz David Nuckels
Randy Banks Tom Pawelka
Stephen Estrada Joseph Sherrill
Jay Kelsey Richard Smith

Wednesday, June 6

Prayers To Be Selected
Song Leader Damon Hyde
Speaker Stephen Estrada

Sunday, June 10

Morning

Announcements Charles Smith
Scripture Reading To Be Selected
Song Leader Damon Hyde
Opening Prayer..... Grady Moore
Sermon Jacob Rutledge
Closing Prayer Norman Starling

Evening

Song Leader Wayne Mansur
Opening Prayer..... Byron Pogue
Sermon Jacob Rutledge
Closing Prayer Bill Hyde

Ushers

Joel Walker Lee Gully

Building Lockup

Tim Wright Stephen Estrada

Communion Preparation

Joel Walker Matt Walker

Ladies Room 101 Duty

June: Tara Hyde, Leslie Speir, Jeri Belyea, Marilyn Wilkinson

July: Jamie Wright, Bonnie Walker, Diane Williamson, Vikki Fox

August: Esther Cain, Polly Coons, Angela Smith, Jennifer Nuckels