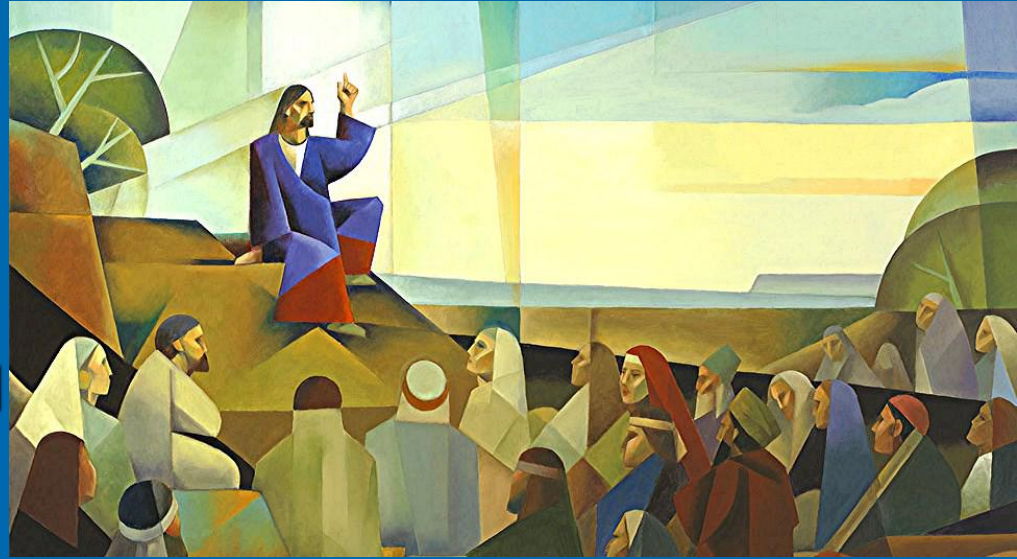


# TO DO BIBLE STUDY WITHOUT CHAPTERS AND VERSES

- Biblical chapters are artificial boundaries first added over a millennium after the close of the canon
- Modern literature is written to fit a structure of chapters
- The Bible was NOT written based on chapters
- Matthew chapters 5, 6 & 7 are one continuous flowing thought process of Yeshua, which should not be interrupted

# THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN DESCENDS

- A Summary:
- Christ's blessings acknowledged various groups of Jews
- Yeshua makes it clear that His Torah teaching changes nothing about The Law of Moses
- The Kingdom of Heaven had only recently descended from Heaven, and so it was a new revelation
- All had to be taken in light of the arrival of the Kingdom
- The simple literal sense of The Law still stood; but the higher spiritual sense now applied as well



# DID JESUS ABOLISH THE LAW?



- Christ demanded His followers to obey The Law even more strictly, and to an even higher level
- Getting angry much harder to control than murder!
- Lusting after a woman much harder to resist than actual adultery
- Matt. 5:48
- Anger and lust are moral failures, as serious as the crimes and sins they could lead to



## Praying As We Ought | *The Lord's Prayer*

- Moral perfection is the goal, in terms of giving and in prayer
- Motive for giving was paramount
- Humility and moral attitude are the keys to proper prayer
- Prayer should be addressed to The Father, and we should ask Him for our physical and spiritual needs to be met
- God forgiving us will be in proportion to us forgiving others



THE  
ILLUSION  
OF 2  
MASTERS

- The subject of making money is multi-faceted
- Wealth is to be seen as temporary and subject to destruction
- Good eye = generous
- Evil eye = stingy
- In our 4 dimensional universe having more than 1 master is impossible
- Yeshua does not find money and wealth to be evil

...seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and His righteousness  
and all these things  
will be added unto you.  
(Matthew 6:33)



- This is all about the arrival of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth
- God's righteousness is His will to save
- Priorities: Kingdom and salvation first.... Material needs and possession second
- Worry is the opposite of faith

# MATTHEW CHAPTER 7

- Do not judge
- Cannot mean a total injunction against making reasonable conclusions
- Christians rail against the rules of The Law, but then want black or white answers to complex faith issues in their lives
- Martin Luther: we should not invoke “self centered wisdom”



Please God!  
Just YES or  
NO!



# WHAT IS JUDGING?

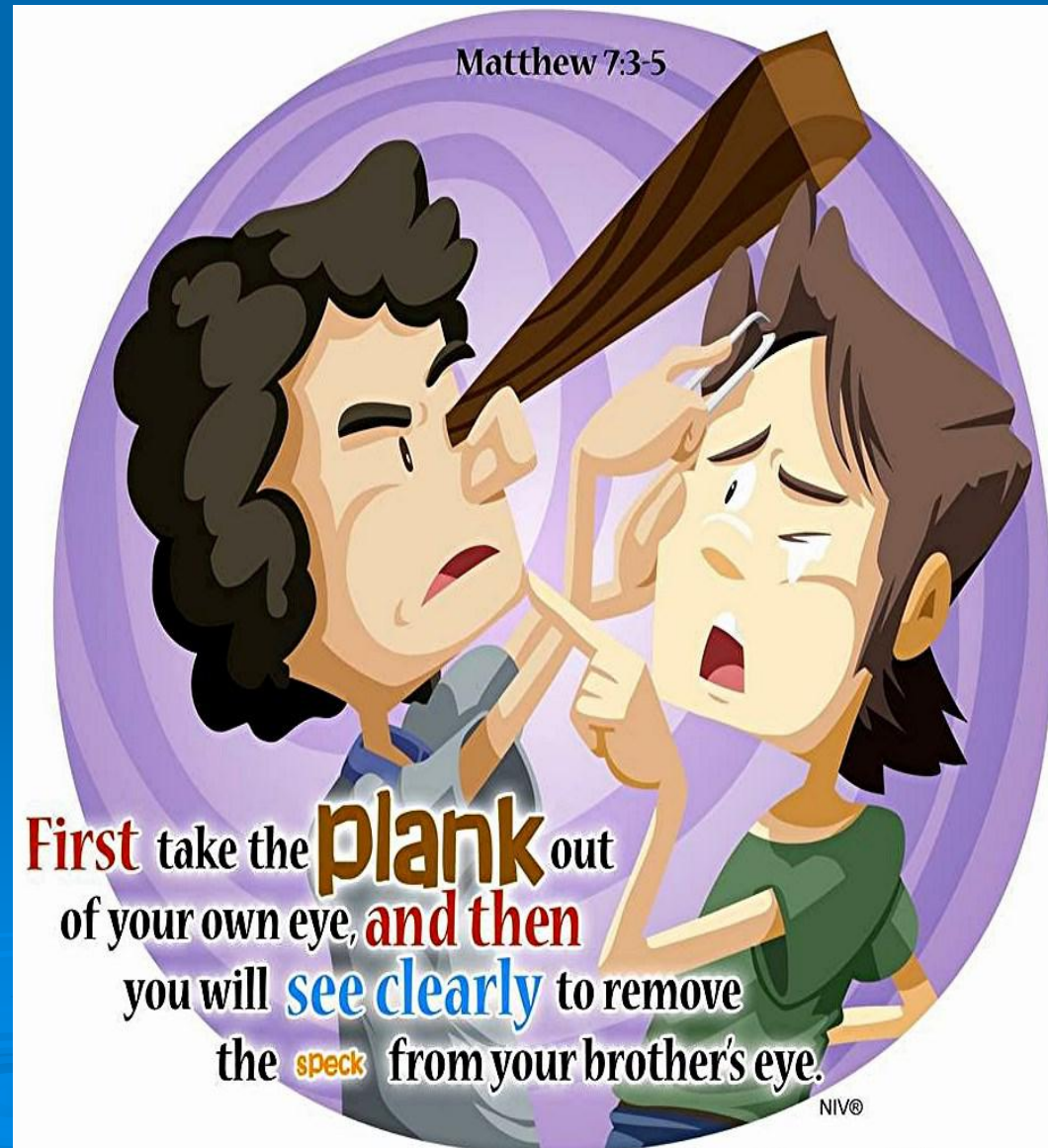
- Judging is deploring and condemning another
- God judges in a judicial sense those who judge others
- Judging is a sin
- How we treat others plays a direct role in how God will treat us
- Obadiah 1:15





# THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK

- Matt. 7:3
- Yeshua takes that which is hard to see and uses extremes to make His point
- Both are flawed, so to condemn the other is to condemn yourself
- *P'shat* = an act of hypocrisy
- *Remez* = an inward moral defect
- Yeshua can point out our flaws because He had no hypocrisy or inner moral defect



# THE SPEECH OF HIM WHO HEARS GOD'S WORDS

- God opened the eyes of Balaam to achieve His own divine purposes
- Numbers 24:1 – 5
- It is God's Words, not human oratory, that removes the log and opens our eyes
- *“How lovely are your tents, Jacob; your encampments, Israel !”*
- Unless and until Gentile Believers acknowledge Israel's place in redemption history, we remain as blind guides





- Matt. 7: 6 “*Don’t throw what is holy to dogs....*”
- Dogs were wild and seen as unclean
- People threw their garbage to dogs
- Holy food = that portion of sacrifices given to the Priests to eat
- “*Don’t throw your pearls to pigs...*”
- Pearls considered more valuable than gold
- Dogs unclean by Tradition, pigs unclean TO EAT by Law





## KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

- *“.... by virtue of its new context, (it) becomes a comprehensive statement... to keep distinct the realms of the clean and the unclean...”* ICC Commentary
- The “new context” is the arrival of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth
- Exodus 29:32 – 34
- We are not to waste our time with the hard-hearted and those who outright reject the Good News
- Matthew 10:5 - 15