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The Hypocrisy Of Judging

- I. **Acts 15:9-When you feel superior to another person you will judge them and if you are judge you are a hypocrite**
 - A. 7-This was a big deal and there was much disputing
 1. 1-2-Some men were teaching you cannot be saved if you are not circumcised after the after the law of Moses and they were commanding people to keep the law of Moses and Paul and Barnabas didn't agree with this and there was a heated discussion about this very issue and they decided to take this question to the elders of the church
 2. 3-Paul and Barnabas had been seeing God move amongst the gentiles who were not circumcised after the law of Moses
 3. 4,5-There was a group of believers who said the gentile converts need to be circumcised & commanded to keep the law of Moses
 - B. 9-God put no difference between us and them giving us the same Holy Ghost and purified their hearts by faith just like us; Peter is saying they are just like we are, but these religious people were discriminating and "putting difference" between them and those gentile converts because they weren't circumcised and didn't keep the law of Moses
 1. **Judge**-To separate, to make distinction (difference or division), to discriminate (categorize, classify, favor)
 2. What these Pharisees were trying to do was discriminate against the ones who weren't circumcised after the manner of Moses and judge and call them lesser and decide that these who haven't been circumcised are somehow lesser
 - a. *MSG-And God, who can't be fooled by any pretense on our part but always knows a person's thoughts, gave them the Holy Spirit exactly as he gave him to us. **He treated the outsiders exactly as he treated us**, beginning at the very center of who they were and working from that center outward, cleaning up their lives as they trusted and believed him."So why are you now trying to out-god God, loading these new believers down with rules that crushed our ancestors and crushed us, too?*
 - b. *ERV-To God, **those people are not different from us**. When they believed, God made their hearts pure. ¹⁰ So now, why are you putting a heavy burden around the necks of the non-Jewish followers of Jesus? Are you trying to make God angry? We and our fathers were not able to carry that burden.*
- C. ***10-This is the mark of a judge, he is a hypocrite; They want these gentiles to keep something that they are not keeping***

1. **8-10-Peter is dealing in honesty and reality so many times if we would just humble ourselves and deal in reality, simple honesty would put an end to all judging**
 - a. The truth is they got the same Holy Ghost, the same purifying, and they are no different than us and you're asking them to keep the law which neither you nor your forefathers could keep – TRUTH
 - b. **To come down hard on someone for missing it and judge them you'd have to deal in lies and fantasy and pretend like you've never missed it, but if you'd just be honest and acknowledge you've missed in similar ways it'd put an end to all judging**
2. The Pharisees are dealing in lies & fantasy (Pretending like they are different than Gentile converts, pretending like they keep the law)
 - a. **Hypocrites are pretenders and they deal in lies and fantasy; They want to pretend like they are keeping the law**
3. **12-13-When you realize you're being a hypocrite the atmosphere goes from loud judging to silence**

II. In order to judge you have to act dishonestly; Honesty will eliminate all judging-Matthew 7:1-5

- A. If you are a judge, you are a hypocrite and if you're judging you are being hypocritical and a big part of being hypocritical is dealing in lies and fantasy and NOT reality (**Hypocrite**-An actor, stage player, pretender)
 1. **While you come down hard on them and judge them and be critical of them for their faults you are pretending like, acting like you have no faults of your own and like you've never done anything like they are doing – THAT'S LIES, THAT'S FANTASY**
 - a. The only way you can judge them for having that speck in their eye when you have a beam in your eye is to pretend like you don't have a beam and that's what a hypocrite does, he pretends and deals in fantasy
 2. The big thing is you have something major in your eye, but you're going to pretend like it's not there and deal in fantasy and lies
 - a. Why do you gaze at their speck and pay no attention to your beam? Because you are a hypocrite pretending like you don't have a beam in your eye
 - b. How can you say to your brother let me get that speck out of your eye, when there is a beam in your own eye? – The only way you can say that to your brother is to be a hypocrite and pretend like you don't have a beam in your eye; You couldn't say that without being a hypocrite; The way you can say that is to be a hypocrite and then you can say it
- B. The central nature of judging is hypocrisy, deception and pride-Matthew 7:1-5

1. **Hypocrisy**-To come down hard on you and be critical of you and judge you for a fault or for missing it I have to pretend like I don't have any faults of my own and I have to pretend like I've never missed it
 2. **Deception**-You don't see the truth about yourself and the truth is you have faults just like them and you've missed it in a very similar fashion to the way they've missed it, but while you're judging them you don't see that-*Matthew 7:3-You don't perceive your beam*
 - a. **A key characteristic of judging is that you are very aware of the faults others, but you are very unaware of your own faults; You come down on someone else for having a fault meanwhile you are totally unaware of your own faults**
 - b. **The deception is you are judging like you have no faults or you don't have faults as bad as them because you believe you don't and you are deceived**
 3. **Pride**-You believe you are superior because you believe you have no issues or faults or at least none as bad as theirs so now you anoint yourself as the judge and you're going to tell others what's wrong with their lives
 - a. *Matthew 7:4-Let ME pull the mote out of your eye – Who made you the judge?*
 - b. God is the judge and it's a high form of pride to think you could do his job
 4. **Honesty will put an end to all judging-If you will just get real you'll stop pretending, believing lies and acting prideful**
 - a. When Peter brought honesty and reality on the scene it put an end to all judging
- C. The idea is you are fixated on the very small fault of another and how wrong it is and how they need to get rid of it while you have faults yourself and what you're judging them for you are guilty of yourself
1. *Matthew 7:1-5-Do you notice it's all wood just like all sin is sin*

III. What you judge others for you are guilty of yourself – Romans 2:1,3

- A. Romans 2:1-Truths about judging
 1. 1-There's no excuse for judging
 - a. He's dealing with a group of people in Romans 1 who are way off being judged by another group of people; Just because people get way off doesn't give you an excuse to judge them
 - b. *MSG-Those people are on a dark spiral downward. But if you think that leaves you on the high ground where you can point your finger at others, think again.*
 - c. God didn't deliver you out of it so that you could judge people who are still in it
 2. 1-If you judge them and say they need to pay, then you condemn yourself b/c you're doing the same stuff and you need to pay
 - a. *Matthew 7:2-With what judgment you judge, you shall be judged and with what measure you mete it shall be measured unto you*

- b. **If you say pronounce them wrong or guilty then you are saying they need to be judged, they need to pay**
 - 1) If the judge pronounces someone wrong or guilty he then passes judgment/what the need to do to pay for what they did; if the judge says you're guilty then what he is saying is that you need to pay
 - 2) If they are wrong and you said they are then you're saying they need to pay the penalty and punishment
- c. What do they need to pay for? Sin and the wages of sin is death
 - 1) Romans 6:23-There's not different payments for different types of sin; they all cost the same and therefore they are all equal
 - 2) If judge them for sin, then you condemn yourself b/c you too have sinned and if they have to pay you have to pay-Matt18
- 3. 2-God is their judge, his judgment is according to the truth against people who do such things – You are not the judge
 - a. *PHIL-1-4 Now if you feel inclined to set yourself up as a judge of those who sin, let me assure you, whoever you are, that you are in no position to do so.*
- 4. 3-If you judge you're going to get judged-Matthew 7:1
 - a. When you judge someone else it's not them that are going to get judged, but it's you who will get judged for judging them
- 5. 4-Judging people doesn't lead them to repentance
 - a. **4-They looked down upon the goodness and forbearance and longsuffering of God and thought that wouldn't lead people to repentance, but judging would, not knowing that it's the kindness of the Lord that leads people to repentance**
 - 1) **Despise**-Think little or nothing of; **Goodness**-Kindness, Gentleness; **Forbearance**-Toleration; **Longsuffering**-Patience, Forbearance; **Goodness**-Mild, pleasant, kind, as opposed to harsh, hard, sharp
 - b. **4-It's not your judging people that's going to turn them to God, it's the kindness and mercy of God flowing through you that will turn people to Jesus**
 - 1) You want people to repent because that's how they get mercy, but people don't repent because you judge them, the repent because you are kind and merciful and gracious to them
 - c. **They are judging these people who are way off and being hard and harsh, NOT KNOWING that doesn't lead people to repent**
- 6. 1,3-Whatever you judge others for you are guilty of yourself

- a. *VOICE-So you can see there are no excuses for any of us. If your eyes shift their focus from yourselves to others—to judge how they are doing—you have already condemned yourselves! You don't realize that you are pointing your fingers at others for the exact things you do as well. ² There's no doubt that the judgment of God will justly fall upon hypocrites who practice such things. ³ Here's what is happening: you attack and criticize others and then turn around to commit the same offenses yourselves!*
- B. If you judge somebody for doing something that you yourself are doing that makes you a hypocrite
1. Romans 2:17-23-This is a group of people who are so sure that they have it all together and therefore they are going to be in the ministry of mote deliverance, but they have a beam in their own eye and they are hypocrites; This is the mark of a judge and a mark of a hypocrite – Judging others for doing something that you yourself are doing
 - a. *TLB-17-You Jews think all is well between yourselves and God because he gave his laws to you; you brag that you are his special friends. ¹⁸ Yes, you know what he wants; you know right from wrong and favor the right because you have been taught his laws from earliest youth. ¹⁹ You are so sure of the way to God that you could point it out to a blind man. You think of yourselves as beacon lights, directing men who are lost in darkness to God. ²⁰ You think that you can guide the simple and teach even children the affairs of God, for you really know his laws, which are full of all knowledge and truth. ²¹ Yes, you teach others—then why don't you teach yourselves? You tell others not to steal—do you steal? ²² You say it is wrong to commit adultery—do you do it? You say “Don't pray to idols” and then make money your god instead.^[d]²³ You are so proud of knowing God's laws, but you dishonor him by breaking them. ²⁴ No wonder the Scriptures say that the world speaks evil of God because of you.*
 2. **What you are judging someone else for are you positive that you are walking in the perfection of it in your own life?**
 - a. *PHIL-Romans 2:21-22-You preach against stealing, for example, but **are you sure** of your own honesty? You denounce the practice of adultery, but **are you sure** of your own purity?*
 3. **24-Judging and hypocrisy destroys your witness, but when you're merciful and honest and don't pretend like you don't have any faults and have never had any faults it's that kindness that will enhance your witness and turn people to the Lord**
 - a. *MSG-The line from Scripture, “It's because of you Jews that the outsiders are down on God,” shows it's an old problem that isn't going to go away.*
- C. *So many times what we judge others of we are guilty of ourselves and when our anger begins to rise because of something that someone did we need to take a good hard look in the mirror and ask ourselves, “How am I doing in that area?” rather than judging someone else
1. 2 Samuel 12:1-David was guilty of the same thing he judged that man of; You are the man

- a. In David's heart he knew what he did was wrong and that's why he tried to hide it-2 Samuel 11:27
 - 1) He's trying to get Uriah to sleep with his wife to hide it, but Uriah won't do it
 - 2) Men died in battle so David could cover what he did
- b. 5-7-David's anger was kindled against the man and he came down hard on this man who had done this thing and he's judging
 - 1) **When your anger rises against somebody you're getting ready to judge**
 - 2) **When his anger started to rise up b/c that guy had no pity he should have took a good hard look at himself in that same area**
- c. 7-The very thing David judged this "man" of He was guilty of himself
 - 1) 6-He came down hard on this guy for having no **pity** (To spare, Have compassion on) and that's hypocrisy because he just got through having no compassion for Uriah, Uriah's family, Uriah's wife
- 2. Luke 13:10-17
 - a. **14-Indignation-When you're anger rises like this you're getting ready to judge and what you need to do is put the light back on yourself and ask yourself how are you doing in that area**
 - 1) He is judging Jesus for working on the Sabbath; He examined Jesus, He decided he was wrong, and he pronounced it
 - b. 15-Jesus called him a hypocrite b/c he's pretending like he does no work on the Sabbath and that's not true and what he judged Jesus for doing he was guilty of himself
 - c. **17-He was ashamed; When you realize you're acting hypocritically you get quiet**

IV. Is this true that you what you judge others for you are guilty of yourself? How could that be true?

- A. How could this be true that what you judge others of you are guilty of yourself?
 - 1. John 8:1-10
 - a. 5-She sinned, she transgressed the law and they want her to pay which is judgment
 - b. **7-He didn't say, "He that is without adultery among you," because Jesus doesn't categorize sin**
 - 1) **The sin wasn't the adultery, the sin was transgressing the law, disobeying God**
 - 2) **According to Jesus she was guilty of transgressing the law and what they judged her for they were guilty of themselves**
 - c. **9-When you realize you're acting hypocritical you get quiet**
 - 1) What they are judging her for they are guilty of themselves
 - d. 10-Condemn-To judge worthy of punishment

- 1) **Why couldn't they judge her worthy of punishment and make her pay? Because they were guilty of the same things and if she has to pay then they have to pay; With what judgment you judge you will be judged**
2. What is sin?
 - a. 1 John 5:17-All unrighteousness is sin
 - b. Romans 14:23-Whatever is not of faith is sin
 - c. 1 John 3:4-Transgression of the law is sin (Romans 4:15)
 - d. James 4:17-To him that knows to do good and does it not is sin
- B. What did a person do when they sinned? They yielded to the flesh, they disobeyed God, they violated light
 1. When you violate what you know is right and when you violate the light you have and what God has given you light about and shown you to do it is sin – And so when you judge somebody for that while you do, you are guilty of the same things because everybody on Earth has done that-Romans 3:23
 2. Any sin you want to talk about is exactly the same in nature; people knew what to do and they overrode what they knew was right and they yielded to temptation and gave into the flesh
 - a. **Sin**-Miss or wander from the path of uprightness, to do or go wrong, to error, to wander from the law of God
 - b. Have you ever done that? Have you ever yielded to the flesh? Have you every disobeyed God? Then who are you to judge somebody else for doing the same thing that you've done
 - c. People get upset with Adam and Eve, but what was it that they did? They disobeyed God, they didn't do what God told them to do, they yielded to temptation – Have you ever yielded to temptation and ignored what you knew was right?
 3. **In nature and in spirit you have done the same stuff but a judge and a hypocrite wants to pretend like it's something different**
 - a. How could they do it? You know exactly how they could do it because you've done stuff just like it
- C. "Yeah but, I would never do anything like that, that's just awful, how could they do something like that" – These are the words of a judge and a hypocrite-James 2:1-13
 1. Respect of persons favoring someone because you've deemed better somehow
 - a. **1-Respect of persons**-One who discriminates; Partiality; The fault of one who when called on to give judgment has respect of the outward circumstances of man and not to their intrinsic merits, and so prefers, as the more worthy, one who is rich, high born, or powerful, to another who does not have these qualities
 - b. 4-Are you not partial (1252, judge, separate, make distinction, discriminate) in yourselves?

- 1) 4-AMP-Becoming critics and judges with wrong motives
2. **5-6-God's saying they are something but you are saying they're nothing – Who made you the judge?**
 - a. 6-Despised the poor-To look down on, treat with contempt, insult
 - b. **6-7-And these people who YOU think are something, they oppress and judge and blaspheme the name of Jesus, but you think they are something because they got some money**
3. **8,9-If you are judging you are not loving; These verses are connected: If you fulfill the law of love you do well, but if you have respect of persons which is not loving your neighbor, if you're judging you're not loving; When you're judging sinning and you're not loving**
 - a. Loving them is valuing them as much as you value yourself
 - b. The new testament commandment is not to judge and correct, but to love, value them, treat them like they matter, come across like you care and want to help
4. **9-If you judge and discriminate you commit sin; Is it sin to examine someone and decide and pronounce that they are superior to this other person and then discriminate and look down upon and judge?**
 - a. **Respect of persons**-One who discriminates; Partiality; The fault of one who when called on to give judgment has respect of the outward circumstances of man and not to their intrinsic merits, and so prefers, as the more worthy, one who is rich, high born, or powerful, to another who does not have these qualities
5. 10-If you keep the whole law, but offend in one point you are not just guilty of that one point you are guilty of it all-How can that be?
 - a. 1 John 3:4-Transgression of the law is sin
 - b. **11-FOR HE THAT SAID-It's not what you are violating it's who you are violating-The same God that said do not commit adultery also said do not kill**
 - c. Is any time you don't do what God told you to do less important than others – If God told you to do something and you didn't do it, it doesn't matter what it is that you didn't do it all falls into the same category
6. **"I would never" – You already have so stop judging a playing a hypocrite**
 - a. What right does a murderer have to feel superior to and judge and adulterer? What right does an adulterer have to feel superior to and judge a murderer? Should you brag about how you didn't commit adultery when you killed somebody this morning; As a murderer what makes you superior to an adulterer
 - 1) **How can a murderer feel superior to an adulterer? Only by being a hypocrite**

- 2) EX: The preachers brother who pulled that guy out of the car and beat him up, but was happy because he didn't cuss
- b. **This type of judging is happening right and left; This feeling of superiority because, "I haven't done that," and yet if you'll be honest you have done something just like it**
 - 1) People feel superior to others and judge them because in their minds they've never done anything like that and because they haven't then they have the right to put their noses in the air and look down on somebody who has done such things
 - 2) The idea is people think they are superior b/c they haven't done anything that bad; It's this air of superiority and it's judging
7. 12-You're going to be judged by the law of **liberty** (free, exempt, free from the law) which is mercy; speak and live like you got mercy
 - a. 13-If you show no mercy you get no mercy and if you judge you're going to get judge