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Sunday Lesson

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Is Judging a Sin?

Scripture Reading before Invocation Prayer: James 2: 1 – 9 Respect of Person

Scripture Lesson: St. John 7: 19 – 24 (St. John 5: 5 – 9) (Contrast St. Matthew 23: 27 – 28)

Subject: **JUDGE NOT ACCORDING TO APPEARANCE, BUT JUDGE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT.** (St. John 7: 24) KJV

Text: St. Matthew 7: 1 – 6 hypocritical judgment, lesson on censorship = St. Luke 6: 37 – 45

Introduction: Romans 2: 1 – 4, 17 – 24 thou condemnest thyself that doeth the same. (James 3: 1)

Lesson Outline

1. James 4: 11 – 17 who art thou that judgest another? God alone is Supreme Judge.
2. Romans 14: 1 – 17 who art thou that judgest another man's servant? (v. 13)
3. St. John 8: 1 – 11 judged within their own conscience; (I Corinthians 11: 31 – 32, I John 1: 8 – 9)
4. I Corinthians 6: 1 – 8, Saints shall judge the world, angels and disputes between Christians.
5. I Corinthians 2: 12 – 15 he that is spiritual judgeth all things
6. St. Matthew 7: 15 – 20 Christians should judge false prophets; good and bad fruit.
7. Hebrews 5: 12 – 14 Christians should judge Babes from full age and good from evil.
8. II Thessalonians 3: 6 – 7, 14 – 15 God's people should judge righteously (I Corinthians 5: 1 – 5)
9. Ephesians 5: 1 – 14 righteous judgment of reproof. (II Timothy 3: 16 reproof)
10. Galatians 6: 1 – 2 judgment of restoration (James 5: 20 saved a soul from death)

Judging: There's nothing wrong with seeing how a person behaves and determining whether or not that person's action is sinful. There is nothing wrong with "prayerfully" rebuking a person for something God has said is wrong. Discernment becomes judgmental when criticizing is at the point where you determine that someone is living sinfully and you condemn them and view them worthless and beneath yourself. For example, as Christians we hold a Biblical world view that homosexuality is wrong and against God's plan for humanity. There is nothing wrong or judgmental about prayerfully and humbly expressing that, however if we believe that homosexuals themselves have a lower value or worth as human beings, then we have placed ourselves above them out of arrogance and pride. This is the point where judging becomes sin.