



The Blessing of Judging Oneself

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Jesus told us in Matthew 7:1-3: “Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged: and with what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why behold you the mote that is in your brother's eye, but consider not the beam that is in your own eye?”

Jesus is telling us to not judge others without first having judged ourselves.

Jesus, a Jewish prophet under the Covenant of Abraham, is speaking to a Jewish audience who understood very well the concept of *lhitpallel* (להתפלל) praying or judging oneself with the Word of God.

He is talking about judging oneself—not condemning oneself, which is a totally different matter. Condemnation is negative, something that does not belong to the Child of God.

The Word says in Romans 8:1: **There is therefore no more condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.**

However, if we humble ourselves under God and let the Word and the Spirit correct us, we put ourselves in a position where we can be used by God to lovingly correct and instruct those who He has put around us. But only after that we have allowed ourselves to be corrected by Him.

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. (1 Corinthians 11:28)

In verse 31, it states: **For if we judge ourselves, we should not be judged.**

When we take communion we judge ourselves so that we then can turn around and judge the lying powers of sin, sickness, and evil spirits.

Most of the time it is easier for us to see what is wrong in somebody else's life. But unless they have been placed under our authority, it is up to God to judge them, not us.

Our job is to judge ourselves, and if we believe the Word, it is a positive think. God say that we have been made righteous by faith in the blood of Jesus. We have been healed by the stripes of Jesus. We have been made rich by his poverty, and we have been blessed by Him when He was made a curse for us.

As we say what the Word of God says about us and leave others to judge themselves or be judged by God, we will no doubt be used by the Lord to bring forth fruit for the Kingdom of God, and Glory to the Name of Jesus!

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