

Questions On Matthew Chapter 7

1. Matthew 7:1-5 addresses *judging others*. How do people typically (yet wrongly) apply verse 1?
 - a. What type of judging does Jesus actually condemn here?
 - b. In John 7:24, what type of judging is *condemned* and what type of judging is *commanded*?
 - c. Why was the judging wrong that was done by the Jews in Romans 2:1?

Matthew 7:1-5 is also recorded in Luke 6:37-42

2. What is the spiritual parallel to giving holy things to dogs or “casting pearls before swine?”
 - a. What did Jesus tell his disciples to do in Matthew 10:14?

2. Verses 7-11 deal with asking and receiving. We know from verse 11 that the one being asked is who?

Matthew 7:7-11 is also recorded in Luke 11:9-13

- a. What illustration does Jesus use in verses 9 and 10?
- b. What additional request does Luke add in Luke 11:12?
- c. How does Luke’s account differ from Matthew’s with regard to what the Father gives to His children (Matt. 7:11 & Luke 11:13)? And what can we learn from this difference?

3. What “rule” do we often use to describe Matthew 7:12? According to Jesus, how practical and comprehensive is this rule?

4. What “gates” and “ways” are discussed in verses 13 and 14?

a. To what two final destinies do they lead?

b. Luke’s account uses the word “strive” to describe how one enters the narrow gate (Luke 13:24). Explain the significance of this word:

5. Jesus warned against false teachers in verses 15-20. Peter warned about false teachers in 2 Peter 2:1. What did John say about them and their prevalence in 1 John 4:1?

Matthew
7:15-20 is
also found in
Luke
6:43-45

a. According to Jesus, how can we identify false teachers? (Matt. 7:16?)

b. How do Romans 16:17, 1 Timothy 6:3 and 2 John 10 help us accomplish this task of fruit judging?

6. What popular denominational doctrine is refuted by Matthew 7:21-23?

a. What different aspect of this story is taught in Luke’s account in Luke 13:26 and 27? (*be prepared to explain the connection*)

Matthew
7:24-27 is
also found in
Luke
6:47-49

b. What illustration does Jesus use to describe the difference between one who hears and obeys and one who hears but does not obey?

7. How was Jesus’ teaching different from that of the Jewish scribes?