

Matt 6:19-7:29; Luke 6:39-49 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

<p>4. In Matt 7:1-5 what type of “judging” does Jesus say not to do (v3-5) and why (v1-2)? Since we must evaluate others to help them how are we to do it (v5)?</p>	
<p>5. Compare Lu 6:39-42 to Matt 7:1-5. What is a hypocritical judge like (v39) and what does he cause (v39, 40)? How does this the importance of “practicing what you preach”?</p>	
<p>6. Look at Matt 7:6-12. Summarize the teachings of v6 and 7-11. What is the overarching principle in 7:1-12 (v12) and how does each section (v1-5, 6, 7-11) relate to this idea?</p>	
<p>7. From Matt 7:13-14 describe the two gates (v13, 14) and where they lead (v13, 14). What does Jesus command (v13) and what reality does He state (v14)? What is the narrow gate?</p>	
<p>8. Using Matt 7:15-20 and Lu 6:43-45 of what must we beware and why (v15)? How can we spot them (v16-18, 20), where does this originate (Lu 6:44-45), and what is their outcome (Matt 7:19)?</p>	
<p>9. Based on Matt 7:21-23 who gets into the eternal kingdom (v21) and who does not (v21, 22)? How will Jesus treat them and why (v23)? Apply.</p>	
<p>10. Read Matt 7:24-28. What two scenarios for His hearers does Jesus depict (v24-25, 26-27) and what is the difference (v24, 26)? How did these teachings affect Jesus’ hearers (v28-29)?</p>	
<p>11. Summarize the treasures that believers are to love and hate, the type of treatment of others that they are to embody and resist, and the way of living that are to take and avoid.</p>	

Scripture to Remember

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Matt 6:24 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—The Prayer of Greatness (1 Chron 4:9-10)

(Using questions based on today’s message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with your group the biggest request you ever asked of God. Name some things that God wants us to pray for.
2. Read 1 Chron 4:9-10. What was Jabez’ ambition and how did he pursue it? What is your ambition and how are you pursuing it? What gets in the way of this?
3. Talk about what Jabez had to overcome and how that relates to you. What is the right reason to pursue greatness and how do you know if you are doing this?
4. How was Jabez’ request to “expand my borders” really a prayer for more responsibility? What would this look like in your life?
5. Compare the world’s equation of resources with God’s—what is different? Why is “asking for God’s hand upon us our *strategic* choice to sustain and continue the great things God has begun in our lives”?
6. Discuss the importance of knowing that opposition will come as we pursue God’s greatness. How should we handle this, based on the prayer of Jabez?
7. How will you pray to change “your” world today using Jabez’ prayer as a model?



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A love-hate relationship typically describes someone or something that we love, but we hate what it does to us. However, we continue to live with it because we love it so much. Jesus describes three love-hate relationships in this week's study, but rather than living with them, He tells us to get rid of the part we hate. The first of these is with material possessions. While we "love" them, we hate what they do to us when they come to possess us. Jesus' answer to this is to treasure only that which lasts. Possessions tied to this world are easily lost—moths, rust, and thieves all show the foolishness of depending on such things for happiness. When we treasure these things we are blind to the real values of life, heavenly treasures that last forever. We can't serve both, though, so we must choose to serve God and His treasures, seeking His kingdom and righteousness alone. When we do this worry will dissipate and we

will receive what we need. Since God takes care of birds and flowers, he will surely take care of His children who have much greater value. Jesus then addresses our love-hate relationships with others, telling us to treat others with mercy. We love them, but we also hate it when we are "less-than" them. So, we tend to judge others with a limited viewpoint—our own—and this leads to blindness and hatred. While we must evaluate others' motives by their actions, we must do it with God's vision, and not our own. We don't need to devalue others to have value ourselves, which is the basis of most invalid judgment. Instead, we should ask our Father for what we need, knowing that He always gives us good gifts. Then, we will be able to treat others in the same way that we wish to be treated, giving to them from the hand of God's provision that we have received. Finally, Jesus speaks to the love-hate relationship we have with the path we take in life. Our fallen

human nature loves the broad way, but we hate the fact that it leads to destruction. We are simply told to take the way that endures to life, the narrow way. We enter this through the narrow gate, Jesus, although there are many false prophets attempting to lead us astray. They will be known by their godless fruit and many will be surprised when God tells them to depart in the judgment because He has no personal knowledge of them. They will be thrown into the fire. The resolution of all of these love-hate relationships is to not only hear, but to also obey the words of Jesus. When we do we will build our lives on a solid foundation that can withstand the storms of life.

Study Questions for Matt 6:19-7:29; Luke 6:39-49

(for answers go to http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html#study_questions)

<p>1. Read Matt 6:19-24. What two types of treasure are identified (v19, 20) and what are the advantages or disadvantages of each (v19, 22, 23)? What is the reality of our "treasure" (v21, 24)? Apply.</p>	
<p>2. From Matt 6:25-30 what does Jesus say to not worry about (v25, 27) and why (v25, 26, 28-30)? What is the basic issue (v30)?</p>	
<p>3. Using Matt 6:31-34 what does Jesus prohibit (v31, 34) and why (v32, 34)? What does He command instead (v33) and what does this look like in everyday life?</p>	

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