

Luke 6.37-7.10

My Speck, Your Support Beam!

SURPRISING and ENLIGHTENING to Know what World knows of the Bible

“What goes around, comes around” / “God helps those who help themselves”

GOLDEN Verses in WORLD’s Bible > Sadly NOT FOUND in God’s Bible!

Another Classic > “Judge not, lest you be judged” IS in Bible, in our Text Today

World Glad for Verse > BIBLICAL Justification: “Back OFF” ‘Leave me Alone!’

Judging People TODAY’S SOCIETY’S ULTIMATE SINS

“NOBODY TELLS ME WHAT TO DO!” > there’s NOTHING WRONG w/ ME!

1. Worthy by Myself 2. Unworthy because of my Sins 3. Made Worthy by my Savior

1. Worthy by Myself

COMMON ASSUMPTION: Look at OURSELVES & few in our CIRCLE of Trust

WE Look PRETTY GOOD – UPSTANDING – Worthy of being ACCEPTED

PREMISE of EVERY Religion in World – Except 1 – We will GET Job Done

a. Benefactor

Luke MASTER TEACHER > NARRATIVE Theology – God Changing PEOPLE

Chapter 7 – FOUR People who ENCOUNTER God in JESUS the CHRIST

1st Man – GENTILE SOLDIER – Vivid EXAMPLE of Principles of ch 6 SERMON

Originally Title CENTURION = Led 100 Men, then Equiv of ARMY CAPTAIN

Gospels & Acts > Picture Roman Centurions MEN OF INTEGRITY

Centurions must not be seekers after danger but men who can command, steady in action, and reliable...ready to hold their ground and die at their posts... Polybius

Historians > Company of ROMAN Soldiers BILLETED in CAPERNAUM

Served as SECURITY FORCE for Rome's Puppet King HEROD ANTIPAS

Jesus FAME Reached into ROMAN GARRISON > Centurion even CONVINCED

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WORTHY of God's Mercy > COMMON Thought THEN & NOW, even in Church

He BUILT New WING on Hospital > Cancer Research Center > Homes for Haiti

MAYBE for POLITICAL Advantage > Jews very Difficult People to Rule

CONTRIBUTION would make Rome's COLONIALISM more PALATABLE

Concern for AILING SLAVE? – Perhaps PITY, Perhaps PRAGMATISM

Good Slave > FAITHFUL MACHINE > DEPENDED on his Daily OUTPUT

At least he was HUMANE, WEALTHY, PIOUS > Probably BETTER than MOST

One of BEST SINNERS in all CAPERNAUM > Praised by OTHER SINNERS

b. Biased

Ch 6 Luke's Equiv of Matt's SERMON on MOUNT / On the PLAIN: 'level place'

Luke OMITTS > Jewish LEGAL Elements > ETHICS of Jesus for Whole World

He went down with them and stood on a *level place*. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people...who had come to *hear* him and to be *healed* of their diseases.

Luke 6.17,18

When YOU ARE Worthy > RIGHT to be BIASED Against those who are NOT

Ch 6 – SHARKS in Water – CIRCLING – Eager to See BLOOD of Jesus

JUDGMENT in their Hearts – THEY were sitting on JUDGMENT Seat

The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely...the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Luke 6.7,11

v. 37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

NOT Against Making VALUE JUDGMENTS > We are COMMANDED TO
 HOW Else can DISCERN GOOD from BAD FRUIT? Decisions of Daily Life
 PARENTS: Guide Children/ TEACHERS: Evaluate Students / JUDGES – Verdicts
 Jesus NOT Against COMMON SENSE, ANALYTIC Ability, or LAW COURTS
JUDGING = UNFAIR, UNTRUE Analysis of OTHERS / WRONG Standard
We tend to be HARD on OTHERS and EASY on OURSELVES

We set the terms and level of our everyday relationship to God by the way we treat other people in everyday life.

Douglas Milne

Sadly, Sometimes MOST Judgmental People are MEMBERS of the CHURCH
 Tin WOODSMAN in Wizard of OZ > Strong ARMOR, but NO HEART

God will TREAT US like we TREAT OTHERS / Present? Future? BOTH??

Are you KIND or CONDEMNING? Do you FORGIVE or NEVER FORGET??

c. Blind > When YOU are Self-Worthy, others Unworthy, Hard to SEE

v. 39 He also told them this parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?"

Blind People > KEEN Sense of DIRECTION > Admire COURAGE to Live Life
 NOT First ones we'd Hire as AIRPLANE PILOTS or WILDERNESS GUIDES

Jesus to Pharisees: "Woe to you, blind guides!" Matthew 23.16

BLIND GUIDES lead STUDENTS & SOCIETY into the DITCH
 Ancient World: Purpose of Teaching Disciple > Make them Competent Teacher
 BOOKS very COSTLY – LIBRARIES RARE – INTERNET was BLOCKED
 PRIMARY – and OFTEN ONLY – RESOURCE was TEACHER’s Knowledge
 FULLY Trained > Get OUT ALL they KNOW --- PRIDE to say GO BEYOND
 v. 40 A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.

HUGE RESPONSIBILITY of Being TEACHER > Only Link to KNOWLEDGE
 Religious LEADERS more LIKELY to be JUDGMENTAL of OTHERS
 TEACHING the Right Thing does not Nullify our duty to DO the Right Thing

Responsibility of DISCIPLES to make MORE DISCIPLES: Lead at HIGH Level
 NO ONE can LEAD others unless they’re WILLING TO BE LEAD
 CALL to INTEGRITY > No CONFLICT between what you SAY and DO

Cannot LEAD OTHERS to where we have NOT BEEN OURSELVES
 BE CAREFUL who we FOLLOW > Only WORD of God is ALWAYS TRUE
 More we STRIVE be LIKE MASTER / More realize how FALL SHORT of Him
 NOTION of SELF-WORTH, Being Good Enough in YOURSELF – False Teaching

2. Unworthy because of my Sins

a. **Honest So Jesus went with them.**

NOT Expecting to see a SAINT, WORTHY Man / He knew what was in a man.

Jesus WENT to MAKE Him WORTHY: Saw him Moving in RIGHT DIRECTION!

vs. 6,7 So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

Hard to IMAGINE: Roman Military Officer to Poor Jewish Rabbi "I'm not worthy"
OPPRESSOR humbles self before one of those his army was OPPRESSING

Got to THINKING About HOW this was GOING TO PLAY Out at his HOUSE
FACT > Jesus – a JEW – might NOT want to enter HOUSE of Unclean GENTILE
NOT Point Here > PROBLEM with HIM, NOT Jesus "I am NOT Worthy"
NOT Ready for SEARCHLIGHT of your HOLINESS to PROBE my Dirty LIFE
HEBREWS claimed he was WORTHY > HEART CRIED Out "UNWORTHY!"

Sense of UNWORTHINESS is SIGN of FAITH

John the Baptizer: "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." Luke 3.16

Simon Peter...fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" Luke 5.8

The true Christian's nostril is to be continually attentive to the inner cesspool.
Alexander Whyte

b. Humorous > IMAGE intended FUNNY but MESSAGE is Deeply SERIOUS

v. 41 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

ILLUSTRATION Sometimes used by RABBI'S > Should make listener LAUGH

Even MORE FUNNY – We think OTHER People’s Sins are BIG & OBVIOUS
 and OUR Own Sins so INCONSEQUENTIAL they’re BARELY Noticeable
 I MAY have Small SPECK in my Eye – But you have a SUPPORT BEAM (lit.)
 May be PORNOGRAPHY > But I only look at it Once a Week
 May be GOSSIP > But I thought they Needed to Know It
 May be I Yelled at Her > But at Least I Did not HIT HER
 Like Rearview MIRROR of Car > Objects LARGER than they APPEAR
 Specks / Support Beams > TWISTED Sense of PROPORTION of our SIN
 Emphasis > HONESTY – Will it HELP or HURT the one in NEED?
 Motive > COVER-UP your OWN Problems or TRULY CARE for THEIRS?
 Those CONSTANTLY CRITICIZE Others often Guilty of Something WORSE

v. 42 How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

FIX self FIRST > Only Way SEE Well ENOUGH to TRULY HELP Another

Whoever is guided by good sense does not look at the sins of others, does not busy himself about the faults of his neighbor, but closely reviews his own misdoings.

Cyril of Alexandria

c. Heart > BIG PROBLEM we CANNOT Fix OTHERS or OURSELVES

v. 43 "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.

Cannot Produce RIGHT FRUIT if you are WRONG KIND of TREE

Attempt to DO SO – OPPOSITE of INTEGRITY > HYPOCRISY

The tongue is a litmus test of the soul, and the product of one's life is a litmus test of the heart.
Darrell Bock

v. 44 Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, or grapes from briars.

FIGS & GRAPES often GROWN Together in Palestine / Ever Present Thorns

G.I.G.O. > Good Things IN > Good Things OUT // or GARBAGE
Your FRUIT is like your SIGNATURE – Seen and Measured by All

Difficult of being FRUIT INSPECTOR > How RELIABLE is our Evaluation?
SAD Truth > Many UNbelievers have BETTER Fruits than BELIEVERS!

1) Fruit bearing is LONG PROCESS – See Not Snapshot but Time-Lapse Photo
Look at ENTIRE LIFE and its OVERALL Result – Not Just ONE MOMENT!
Great Men of God > Terrible Moments: Abe, Moses, David, Peter, Paul – US!

2) TRUE Salvation will yield SOME TRUE Fruit / Evidence of God IN US!

1st Command in Scripture > BE Fruitful – given to ADAM, Re-given to NOAH
Abiding in TRUE Vine of Jesus means CANNOT HELP but BEAR FRUIT!

Most Important Question NOT your YIELD but your CONNECTION to VINE
Connection will have CONSEQUENCES > POWER is ON, LIFE will FLOW!

3) Call to SELF Examination: Fruit Inspector NOT Spiritual Gift or Church Office

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.

2 Corinthians 13.5

v. 45 The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

HEART > Not Physical ORGAN but SPIRITUAL CORE of Being

INNER NATURE determines our LASTING YIELD

FUNDAMENTAL issue of LIFE is WHO WE ARE, Not What we DO!

Let it be a settled principle again in our religion, that when a man's general conversation is ungodly, his heart is graceless and unconverted. Let us not give way to the vulgar notion, that...although men are living wickedly, they have got *good hearts* at the bottom. Such notions are flatly contradictory to our Lord's teaching. Is the general tone of a man's communication carnal, worldly, irreligious, godless, or profane? Then let us understand that this is the state of his heart. When a man's tongue is generally wrong, it is absurd, no less than unscriptural, to say that his heart is right.

J.C. Ryle

No EXCUSE can Break CONNECTION between FRUIT and the TREE

SHOCK of Tiger Woods – Handsome Man, Beautiful wife & kids, Rich, Talented

Man whose GIANT SIZED Image hangs from Billboards, Picture in Magazines

Man who HAS it ALL > Could those AWFUL RUMORS be TRUE??

Year of TIGER > TIGER WOODS HEART > in ALL of US!

It is very tempting to blame others or to blame the situation around us, but word problem reveal heart problems. The people and the situations around us do not make us say what we say, they are only the occasion for our heart to reveal itself in words.

Paul Tripp

Our TONGUE is the SOUND SYSTEM of the HEART

Jesus AIMS for CHANGE of HEART > Only HE CAN Do it!

WORLD can do MORAL REFORM > Stop Smoking, Sucking Booze, Sexing

World can MAKE YOU a GREAT PHARISEE > Squeaky Clean on OUTSIDE

Only Jesus can CLEAN INSIDE > RAISE the DEAD > Achieve NEW BIRTH

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Ezekiel 36.26,27

NEW HEART > ANTICIPATION of FAITHFUL in ISRAEL, New COVENANT

3. Made Worthy by my Savior

a. Amazing Love v. 6 Jesus went with them....

GENTILE SOLDIER – PRACTICING what PREACHED in ch 6 SERMON

LOVE OF GOD is even for YOUR ENEMIES > OPPRESSOR & AGRESSOR

Jesus // PROPHET ELISHA > Healing without seeing Military Officer NAAMAN

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. Luke 19.10

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6.36

v. 38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Applies RABBINIC SAYING >> FORGIVEN People are OPEN HEARTED

GRAIN Vendor in Ancient BAZAAR > Measures Grain in Fold of Apron on Lap

Packing Grain in Container – Shaking it – Settles – Make More – Overflows

God gives MERCY like ICE CREAM > Packed tight HUGE, FULL SCOOPS!

From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

John 1.16

Culture > NEVER Ending CYCLE of Giving – REPAYMENT – Liability

God gives with OVERWHELMING, LAVISH, Measure – Never Pay Him Back

...Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...
Ephesians 3.20

GENEROUS People will EXPERIENCE God's GENEROSITY

When we are FORGIVING and HOSPITABLE will find God to be THE SAME

Relates to LIFE – MONEY, MINISTRY, MARRIAGE, MERCY for Others

RADICAL Nature of KINGDOM > LOVING, NOT JUDGING, Good TEACHER

WAY BEYOND what WORLD EXPECTS or CAN DO > SHOCK of KINGDOM!

If we live to give, God will see to it that we receive; but if we live to get, God will see to it that we lose.
Warren Wiersbe

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.
Proverbs 11.24,25

This is not salvation by merit...the true disciple is not judgmental. When God accepts people God's grace changes them.
Leon Morris

TURKISH Military Officer led Soldiers > RAID & LOOT ARMENIAN home
Killed Elderly Parents – Gave young Daughters to Men – Kept Eldest Daughter Self
Did UNMENTIONABLE Things to Young Woman > She ESCAPED, Safely
Became NURSE > Years later same TURKISH Military Officer > Her WARD
He was NEAR DEATH – Needed INTENSIVE CARE – She gave him that CARE
RECOVERED – Doctor told him “Without Nurse's Care, you'd be GONE”
RECOGNIZED Her – EMBARRASSED “WHY did you CARE for ME?”

I follow him who said LOVE YOUR ENEMIES >> FORGAVE AND LOVED

b. Authority

v. 8 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

MAN got MANY THINGS DONE without BEING PRESENT > AUTHORITY
MILITARY Officer commands SOLDIERS // Jesus Commands DISEASES!

Centurion seems to KNOW more than he SHOULD!

Few years in KZ > DIRECTOR of Seminary > SOVIET Context – POWERFUL!
REAL TITLE “BOY FOR BEATING!” when GOV’T wants to BLAME Someone
In SEMINARY My NAME was IMPORTANT heard in Russian, Kazakh, Korean
“Mark Blair says DO THIS and DO THAT”

Weekend > NEW GUARD would NOT Let me in GATE > “Mark Blair says so...”

RESPECTED Authority of Jesus EVEN OVER Realm of BODY and SPIRIT
Jesus has MANY WAYS to GET THINGS DONE! UNLIMITED Possibilities!

c . Allegiance

v. 9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel."

Now Movie Director Luke pulls BACK CAMERA – Wide Angle View

ONE on ONE Encounter > REALLY Conversation in the midst of CROWDS

Jesus – and LUKE – wants THEM and US to Know IMPORTANCE of FAITH

Only ONE OTHER Time Gospels tell us JESUS is ASTONISHED

“I TELL YOU!” > Hey Guys, Don’t MISS THIS!! THIS IS BIG NEWS!

REAL HUMANITY of Jesus seen in HIS ASTONISHMENT at Faith of Centurion
GENTILE – OUTSHINES Jews in area of THEIR SPECIALIZATION – FAITH
OUTSIDER Wins God’s APPROVAL – Son of KINGDOM are EXCLUDED

FAITH NOT just FEELING or IRRATIONAL, BLIND LEAP > BASIS of FACT

v. 3 The centurion heard of Jesus

Challenge to US > How is OUR FAITH? / Roman LITTLE Spiritual Knowledge

NOT Own FULL BIBLE – No CHURCH – Not 2000 yrs of Church HISTORY

Need to PRAY “Lord INCREASE our FAITH!” --- At Least I DO!

v. 46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

CLOSES Sermon: CALL to DO SOMETHING About HIS WORDS ‘to do’ 5 x’s

This point in Luke > ONLY 2 – Peter and Leprous Man – Called Jesus ‘Lord’

Jesus anticipating FINAL DAY when WHOLE WORLD must call Him LORD

His Words = GOD’S WORDS > Response DETERMINES Eternal DESTINY

Teaching of Jesus only TRULY UNDERSTOOD when OBEYED & APPLIED

Calling Someone LORD > ADMIT they DESERVE your ALLEGIANCE

v. 47,48 I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.

Jesus TEACHING is FOUNDATION of HOUSE of our LIVES

v. 49 But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

JESUS > 2 BUILDERS, 2 BUILDINGS --- 2 Radically Different BENEFITS

After HAITIAN Size Earthquake > 1 has NOTHING, 1 has EVERYTHING

Only Difference > Like Buildings in PORT AU PRINCE Today - Foundations
 1 Built on TRUTH of JESUS – 1 Built on NOTHING / ROCK or SAND?

Jesus > Apply yourself to apply my Teaching, Only it will Stand the Tests of Life

RADICAL Analysis WORLD'S THOUGHT – Scholarship, Learning, Thinking
 Ideas CONTRARY to God & Word > No Matter how Highly Esteemed Nothing
 NOTHING – SAND – UNPROFITABLE – MEANINGLESS, MEANINGLESS
 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus
 Christ. 1 Corinthians 3.11

You can go to your college, you can go to your school, but if you ain't got Jesus
 you are an educated fool! Barry McGuire

Heaven's Judge will not be looking at the façade of our lives but at our foundation.
Yours Truly

ONE Message > Many Pictures – Judges, Blind Men, Trees, Foundations
 God LOOKING at your CHARACTER and your CONDUCT

Jesus has been renegotiating norms: will these gathered masses accept this reversal
 of values? Will they hear and internalize Jesus' unconventional worldview? Will
 they become like their Teacher? Joel Green
 v. 10 the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

NOTICED > Way LUKE tells story, CENTURION NEVER APPEARS
 NEVER told he SEES JESUS or SPEAKS DIRECTLY to HIM

Clearly this would encourage members of the Gentile churches who had not seen
 Jesus, but had received the gospel through Jewish messengers. Leon Morris

Perhaps GREATEST MIRACLE in Gospels > Jesus Never SEES Sick Servant

Never Touches – Never SPEAKS to Him > COMMANDS Disease to DEPART

Luke NOT MENTION any Word of Healing > Jesus goes BEYOND man's Faith

SERVANT can be HEALED Even if Jesus DOES NOT Say the WORD

HEALING Work of Jesus NOT LIMITED to FORMAT or FORMULA

Received EMAIL > PRAYER to REMOVE Cancer > SPECIFIC Healing Words

If you PRAY THESE Words > You will get Better > Forget Words, DELETED it!

My Jesus is BIGGER than WORDS I Have to USE to UNLEASH His POWER!

No BARRIER to Jesus' Power: Not Ethnicity, Class, Status, Distance, Knowledge

Prophecy of Simeon FULFILLED: Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised...your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles..." Luke 2.28-32

WIDE Ranging MISSION of Jesus > Even to those who NEVER Heard or Seen

...repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations
Luke 24.47

Invited to FOLLOW a TEACHER with UNLIMITED KNOWLEDGE

Learn from Him and OF Him for ETERNITY > INEXHAUSTIBLE WISDOM

CANNOT SEE Him – HEAR Him – FEEL Touch of Hand > HE is HERE NOW

CREATOR of Universe – Holy LAMB of God – King of Kings, Lord of Lords

Slain for our Sins on Cross, Raised from Death for Justification – All Honor, Glory

Invites YOU & I to TRUST Him with Simple, Confident, Humble Faith / Centurion

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1 When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. 2 There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. 3 The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. 4 When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, 5 because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." 6 So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. 7 That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

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