

JUDGEMENT

The most common verse in scriptures used in reference to “judgement” is taken out of context almost every time. I am speaking of Matt. 7:1-6. You have probably heard many people use the verse in Matthew to keep others from forming an opinion, or judging things, or people. Is what they imply correct, or out of context? Most people pull this one little verse out as if it means something other than what is being talked about in the rest of the chapter. The entire chapter seven in Matthew talks about judging and being wise. To take one verse out of context and try to make spiritual people who know the difference between right and wrong feel guilty, is totally uncalled for. **Matt. 7:1-6** **“Do not judge lest you be judged. “For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. “And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? “Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and behold, the log is in your own eye? “You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye. “Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.”** Here we see that judgment cannot take place unless you are following the word closely. There is no point in casting your pearls before swine: meaning that we are to judge as per our Bible so we don’t waste things of value, whether it be time, food, material things, etc. If you love without judging you are not doing what El Gibor said to do. If we live according to our Bible, then we needn’t be afraid of anyone judging us improperly. If we have no log in our eye then we can clearly judge what goes on around us without fear of unnecessary retribution.

There is another common verse in scriptures used in reference to “judgment” taken out of context almost every time. I am speaking of **James 2:13** **“For judgment {will be} merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.”** This entire chapter is about judgment. It speaks clearly of judgment and love being together. If one judges another without love, they are incorrect. Our Bible is love, and we are to be judged according to its instructions. In order for there to be redemption there must first be judgment. Judgment is simple, the spiritual discernment used when deciding what is right and what is wrong.



If judgment were so bad then why is Yah called the “Judge of the universe”.

It is imperative that when we judge we judge according to our Good book, and with love, from a perfect heart. There is such a thing as constructive criticism, and it is needed in our daily lives so that we can all be moulded into a better image of our Messiah Yeshua. **Phil. 1:9-11** **“And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Messiah; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which {comes} through Messiah Yeshua, to the glory and praise of Yah.”**

Exposing evil is part of justice. Dangerous disputes must be resolved, because if you choose to leave evil alone, it will eventually attack you! **Deut. 20:12** **“However, if it does not make peace with you, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it.”**

For those having difficulty trying to swallow the truth about judgment in the Bible, I suggest a close look at this verse may explain some things. **1Cor. 3:1-2** "And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to babes in Messiah. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; **for you were not yet able {to receive it.} Indeed, even now you are not yet able,**"

1Cor. 5:12-6:3 "For what have I to do with judging outsiders? **Do you not judge those who are within {the church} ? But those who are outside, Yah judges. REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES.** Does any one of you, when he has a case against his neighbor, dare to go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you not competent {to} {constitute} the smallest law courts? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, matters of this life? Here Paul is pointing out to the Believers how stupid it is for them to go before a worldly judge to have their case decided when they have the laws of the Bible to explain to them what the decision should be, in any case. If we are truly Believers, then why would we dare go before the secular courts to have judgement made, when we should know how to settle the issue out of court, using our Biblical wisdom. The "we shall judge angels" part of this scripture is simply an error. Yah is the only one who will judge His angels.

In the book of First Corinthians Paul talks about judging and judgement 30 times. It is fair to say then how important it is in our daily walk. **1Cor. 6:5-6** "I say {this} to your shame. {Is it} so, {that} there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his brethren, but **brother goes to law with brother, and that before unbelievers?** Here Paul is questioning what their thinking is that they would rather go before a heathen judge then settle the problem among themselves. **1Cor. 11:31** "**But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.**" This goes against what most people are misled to understand about judging others. If we were following the word properly, it would judge us. We are to be judged much harsher than secular people because we are supposed to have the Holy Spirit leading us in all things.

Isa. 1:16-19 "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; **Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil, Learn to do good; Seek justice, Reprove the ruthless; Defend the orphan, Plead for the widow.** "Come now, and let us reason together," Says Adonai, Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool. "If you consent and obey, You will eat the best of the land;"



When the priest went into the Holy of Holies room in the Temple of old, there was the ark of the covenant. There was the ark, with the law, manna, and rod, in it. Above the law (more important than), was the mercy seat, which was also called the judgment seat. Meaning: the mercy and judgment of Yah are above the law of Yah.

If we think about the ark of the covenant for a moment, we are reminded that inside the ark was the Ten Commandments. The commandments were the summary of Yah's law. Above the ark on the outside was the "mercy seat" of "JUDGEMENT". This again shows us the importance of judgement in the service of Adonai.

The mercy seat on the ark of the covenant is called the "judgement seat" because there can be no redemption without judgement. There can be no punishment without there first being a trial. There can be no judgement without righteous love accompanying it. There can be no sin without rules (laws), as a standard (target).

The following verse says what Yah's opinion of justice is. **Isa. 61:8** *"For I, El Gibor, love justice, I hate robbery in the burnt offering; And I will faithfully give them their recompense, And I will make an everlasting covenant with them."*

2Cor. 8:8 *"I am not speaking {this} as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also."*

Ps. 85:10 *"Lovingkindness and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed each other."*

King Solomon was offered anything he wanted by Yah and what did he chose to receive? He asked to be able to "judge" his people. Yah was very pleased when Solomon asked this. If judgement pleased Yah then it should please us now. **1Kgs. 3:9-12** *"So give Thy servant an understanding heart to judge Thy people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Thine?" And it was pleasing in the sight of Yah that Solomon had asked this thing. And Yah said to him, "Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice, behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you."* The two women that Solomon judged in 1Kgs. 3:16-22 were judged wisely. There has never been a wiser man than Solomon, and his wisdom came through "JUDGEMENT". Wisdom from Sar Shalom provides good judgement. Solomon judged very wisely as per 1Kgs. 3:24-28.

If you judge without love you are not delivering people from their problems. You must tell them the truth according to our good book. It may not be not what they want to hear, but it's the truth (2Tim. 4:3-4). Are we trying to be popular or helpful?

Judgement is discernment. You cannot lead one away from sin if they don't know what sin is, (sin is lawlessness 1John 3:4).

Judgment means to see the truth. We are to see the truth in everything that we do (1Cor. 2:15).

Isa. 59:14-15 *"And justice is turned back, And righteousness stands far away; For truth has stumbled in the street, And uprightness cannot enter. Yes, truth is lacking; And he who turns aside from evil makes himself a prey. Now El Shaddai saw, And it was displeasing in His sight that there was no justice."*

Ezek. 44:23-24 *"Moreover, they shall teach My people {the} {difference} between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. "And in a dispute they shall take their stand to judge; they shall judge it according to My ordinances. They shall also keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed feasts, and sanctify My sabbaths."*

1Cor. 3:10-15 *"According to the grace of Yah which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Yeshua Hamashiach. Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is {to be} revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire."*

1Cor. 6:7-10 *"Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? On the contrary, you yourselves wrong and defraud, and that {your} brethren. Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of Yah? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor {the} covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of Yah."* Judgment must be made of those who disobey Yah's word, and they cannot come into His Kingdom unless they repent. If no-one judges them how can they be considered sinners.

Deut. 1:15-18 *"So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and appointed them heads over you, leaders of thousands, and of hundreds, of fifties and of tens, and officers for your tribes. "Then I charged your judges at that time, saying, 'Hear {the cases} between your fellow countrymen, and judge righteously between a man and his fellow countryman, or the alien who is with him. 'You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not fear man, for the judgment is Yah's. And the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.' "And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do."*

Deut. 32:4 "He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for **all His ways are judgment**: an Elohim of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He."

2Ths. 3:14-15 "And if anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that man and do not associate with him, so that he may be put to shame. And {yet} do not regard him as an enemy, **but admonish him as a brother.**" We are to tell our brothers and sisters when they sin, so they repent and change their ways, otherwise they may not make it into the kingdom of Yah. If we truly love our family of saints we must judge their actions so they can remain saved. By dis-associating with them they get a chance to think about correcting their actions and coming back into the Torah instructions.

We read in the book of Revelation that the judgement of the entire world will take place.

Rev. 16:7 "And I heard the (altar) angel saying, "Yes, O Yah, the Almighty, **true and righteous are Thy judgments.**" (correction made). Obviously judgement in all things is appropriate or we would be fools. We are to judge/appraise all things if we are truly spirit lead. **1Cor. 2:15** "But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no man." How would we ever know right from wrong if we didn't judge everything around us?

Most people are afraid to judge because they know that it means they may likewise be judged. If they live a Believers life they needn't be ashamed. If they are told they are doing something wrong, then they too must question their actions. There is nothing wrong with this, if it is done in love and with respect.

Most of the time judgement is misunderstood because those involved are babes in Messiah.

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Isa. 1:27 "Zion will be redeemed with justice, And her repentant ones with righteousness."

Ps. 76:8-9 "Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; The earth feared, and was still, When Yah arose to judgment, To save all the humble of the earth. Selah." El Gibor wants to save all the humble of the earth.

Ps. 25:9 "He leads the humble in justice, And He teaches the humble His way."

Ps. 9:7-8 "But Adonai abides forever; He has established His throne for judgment, And He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity." Yah's throne in Heaven is called the judgement throne. It's fair to say that Yah Himself puts much emphasis on proper Biblical judgement.

James 1:15 "Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death."

We are supposed to be ambassadors of the Holy One Of Israel. Judgment of everything around us is what makes us holy and peculiar people. We are not to be like the rest. We are special people who should watch everything we do so we always reflect the glory of Adonai. We are to be the light and salt of the earth. How can we be so if we are not appraising everything going on around us at all times (1Cor. 2:15). This doesn't mean we do everything right or proper, but we must surely put in an extra special effort because of who we represent in all our thoughts and actions.

The whole context of offending and offences is that the man who is in Yeshua will not take offence when a person says something to him. Whoever claims to be a Believer and takes offence, has committed a much greater sin than the one doing the rebuking, because he was not in Messiah. If he was, he would not have taken offence.

When all is said and done, Yah tells us clearly how important JUDGEMENT and our DEEDS are, to each and every one of us. **Ezek. 18:30-31** "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, each according to his conduct," declares Yah Elohim. "Repent and turn away from all your transgressions, so that iniquity may not become a stumbling block to you. "Cast away from you all your transgressions which you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For why will you die, O house of Israel?"

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