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## The Parables of Jesus Christ: The Ultimate Evil Eye

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# THE PARABLES OF JESUS CHRIST

**PARABLE THREE: The Ultimate Evil Eye: Attempting to Lead or Judge with Impaired Sight (Mt. 7:3-5; Lk. 6:39-42)**

## SURVEY

Jesus' rule on judging:

Be sure you first remove the log from your own eye before attempting to remove a spoke from a friend's eye.

Jesus' rule on leading:

One attempting to lead a blind person must himself be able to see.

## SIGNIFICANCE

*"Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."* (Mt. 7:5)

- This marks the first of at least twelve occasions where Jesus directly addresses and accuses the Pharisees with gross hypocrisy.
- These instances are recorded in Mt. 16:3; 22:18; 23:13-15, 25-29; Lk. 12:1.

## SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

- There are two key biblical examples illustrating the tragic results and other hypocrisy of judging falsely:

### 1. That of David

*"And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem. And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child. And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David. And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how*

*the people did, and how the war prospered. And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house." (2 Sam. 11:1-9)*

## 2. That of Judas

*"Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein." (Jn. 12:3-6)*

- Here are some principles that should govern our judging of others:

1. We must begin by judging ourselves.

*"For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged." (1 Cor. 11:31)*

2. We must realize to judge harshly is to be judged harshly (Rom. 2:3).

3. Restoration, not retaliation should be our goal in judging.

*"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:1, 2)*

4. We must acknowledge that Jesus alone is the ultimate Judge.

*"For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." (Rom. 14:11, 12)*

5. We must never forget all Christians will someday be themselves judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

*"But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." (Rom. 14:10)*

*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." (2 Cor. 5:10)*

6. We are never to judge in non-essential matters.

*"Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand." (Rom. 14:3, 4)*

7. If we are Spirit-filled, we will never judge wrongly.

*"But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man." (1 Cor. 2:15)*

8. The ones proposing to judge should ask themselves three key questions before proceeding:

a. Is it valid? Do I really know and understand all the facts involved?

b. Is it sincere? Will it be performed to help the person out, not to straighten him out?

c. Is it necessary? Will or can the matter be resolved without my interference?