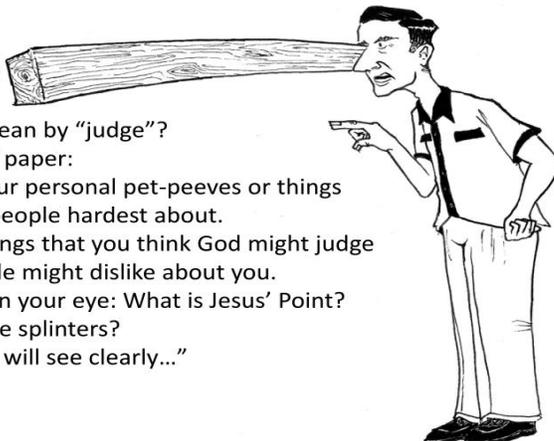


September 2020 -- Class on Judgment Handout #1 -- Judge Righteously (1)



Matthew 7:1-8 1 Now these are the words which Jesus taught his disciples that they should say unto the people. 2 Judge not unrighteously, that ye be not judged; but judge righteous judgment. 3 For with what judgment ye shall judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. 4 And again, ye shall say unto them, Why is it that thou beholdest the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 5 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and canst not behold a beam in thine own eye? 6 And Jesus said unto his disciples, Beholdest thou the Scribes, and the Pharisees, and the Priests, and the Levites? They teach in their synagogues, but do not observe the law, nor the commandments; and all have gone out of the way, and are under sin. 7 Go thou and say unto them, Why teach ye men the law and the commandments, when ye yourselves are the children of corruption? 8 Say unto them, Ye hypocrites, 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.

Matthew 7:1-5



- What does Jesus mean by "judge"?
- On a blank piece of paper:
 - Build a list of your personal pet-peeves or things that you judge people hardest about.
 - Build a list of things that you think God might judge you for, or people might dislike about you.
- Specks and Planks in your eye: What is Jesus' Point?
 - Should we ignore splinters?
 - "...and then you will see clearly..."

This verse does not mean that we should never make judgments. Obviously, we make judgments every day. We judge between right and wrong, dangerous choices from safe ones, etc.

Jesus is cautioning us to not judge others in a hypocritical way.

He is telling us to take the log out of our own eye so that we can help the other person. We shouldn't be habitually critical of someone when our own sin needs to be corrected as well.

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Romans 2:1-3 1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that thus judgest; for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things . . . 3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

James 4:12 There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy; who art thou that judgest another?

Luke 6:43-44 43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit; 44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

Arthur Oakman, from Lecture #6, Spiritual Endowment: “The worse sin Latter Day Saints commit, do you know what it is? They achieve a standard of righteousness, and they condemn everyone else who doesn’t conform to their way of thinking. *This is a sin to which Latter Saints are peculiarly subject.* Let no man then judge another but let him examine his own life and his own heart and seek to function at the maximum capacity physically and spiritually.”

We Are All Beggars Before God

Mosiah 2:32-34 32 For behold, are we not all beggars? Do we not all depend upon the same being, even God, for all the substance which we have; for both food, and raiment, and for gold, and for silver, and for all the riches which we have of every kind? 33 And behold, even at this time, ye have been calling on his name, and begging for a remission of your sins. 34 And has he suffered that ye have begged in vain?

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

D&C 85:38a See that ye love one another; cease to be covetous; learn to impart one to another as the gospel requires; cease to be idle; cease to be unclean; cease to find fault one with another.

Arthur Oakman, from a talk given at the Seminar on the Zion Community in 1967: My friends and colleagues, if with the love of God in our hearts you will look into the lives of each other and the lives of all those whom you come in contact, you will see the towers of Zion arising in their glory and beauty. And when you come in contact with those sunk in degradation and sin, and you see the image of the Lord Jesus Christ as it is intended to be, and you act towards those people as if they had already achieved that which you see is possible in them, you will cause them to be quickened, and they will find new life, and be brought to the altar of God, confessing their sins All of us are beggars . . . to know God is life To be in His presence is the essence of glory and joy. Seek His face always . . . seek Him for His own sake that you may dwell with Him, for love seeks its own.

(See Flash Card #35, 2015 under Arthur Oakman Flash Cards at www.ogrb.org Resource Page)

**September 2020 -- Class on Judgment
Handout #2 -- A Blueprint for the Church (1)**



Romans 12:9-10 9 Let love be without dissimulation (**without Hypocrisy, with Sincerity**) 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Ephesians 4:2-3 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Philippians 2:4-5 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Galatians 5:13-14 13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Romans 15:7 Wherefore receive (**accept**) ye one another, as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Ephesians 4:30-32 30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

1 John 3:11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

Colossians 3:16-17 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing (**reprove gently, warn, mild rebuke**) one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

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1 Timothy 3:8-11 8 Likewise the deacons must be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; 9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience 11 Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many.

1 Corinthians 12:25-26 25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. 26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it.

James 5:8-9 8 Be ye also patient; establish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. 9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned; behold, the judge standeth before the door.

Alma 4:6 Nevertheless the children of God were commanded that they should gather themselves together oft, and join in fasting and mighty prayer, in behalf of the welfare of the souls of those who knew not God.

We Are To Judge Righteously

John 7:24 Judge not according to your traditions, but judge righteous judgment.

Leviticus 19:15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbor.

Alma 3:106 And he commandeth you that ye suffer no ravenous wolf to enter among you, that ye may not be destroyed.

1 Samuel 16:7 For man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

2 Corinthians 10:7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance?

Alma 1:46-47 46 And they did not set their hearts upon riches; therefore they were liberal to all, both old and young, both bond and free, both male and female, whether out of the church or in the church, having no respect to persons as to those who stood in need; 47 And thus they did prosper and become far more wealthy than those who did not belong to their church.

Jesus Set the Example

John 8:6-7 This they said, tempting Him, that they might have to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the ground, as though He heard them not. 7 So when they continued asking Him, he lifted up Himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

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Handout #3 -- We Must Be of One Heart and Mind



D&C 130:8a-c 8a The Spirit saith further: That the elders and delegates assembled in business capacity are counseled to cease permitting the spirit of recrimination and accusation to find place in their discourse, either public or private, 8b as it tends to destroy confidence and create distrust not only in those present at councils where they occur, but to those to whom the knowledge of such a course of procedure comes by the voice of those who are present and witness what is said and done. 8c There should be harmony, and the Spirit enjoins it upon all, that the Master may be remembered as in meekness and due sobriety He carried on the great work to which He was called.

D&C 135: 2b-3b 2b The hastening time is here and greater unity than ever before is necessary if the forces of opposition are to be met . . . 3b and as the church shall move forward in its great work, the fulfillment of prophecy may cause the Saints to tremble at the exhibition of divine power, yet they shall rejoice in the protection of His grace.

D&C 136:3c Only in the peace of fraternity and the unity of those caught up in the spirit of Zion can the work of the Lord be accomplished. To this task let the church devote its energies.

1 Peter 3:8-9 8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another; love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous; 9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

D&C 36:2h And the Lord called His people Zion, because they were of one heart and one mind, and dwelt in righteousness.

D&C 83:21a-b 21a Therefore, let every man stand in his own office, and labor in his own calling; and let not the head say unto the feet it hath no need of the feet, for without the feet how shall the body be able to stand? 21b Also, the body hath need of every member, that all may be edified together, that the system may be kept perfect.

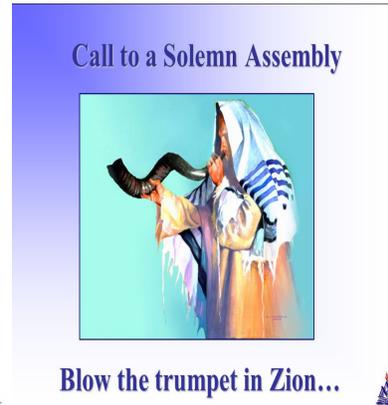
September 2020 -- Class on Judgment
Handout #4 -- Time for Unity and Zion (1)

Times are Portentous and God has Called Us to a Solemn Assembly

WHY hold a solemn assembly?

Because -

- ❖ Of a sense that the city or nation is reaping what it has sown, judgment is looming over the land, and we his people want to fulfill our mission to stand in the gap.*
- ❖ Of a sense that judgment is immanent or already present, the crisis might deepen. And even among God's people, there is compromise and it is critical that they redirect their lives.*
- ❖ Of fresh revelation. Truth from His word has been ignored. Now rediscovered, we must change.*
- ❖ Of the sense that our change, will make a difference far beyond us.*



D&C 85:36a-38a 36a Therefore, verily I say unto you, my friends, **Call your solemn assembly, as I have commanded you;** and as all have not faith, seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom; seek learning even by study, and also by faith 37a Therefore cease from all your light speeches, from all laughter, from all your lustful desires, from all your pride and light-mindedness, and from all your wicked doings. 37b Appoint among yourselves a teacher, and let not all be spokesmen at once, but let one speak at a time, and let all listen unto his sayings, that when all have spoken, **that all may be edified of all, and that every man may have an equal privilege.** 38a See that ye love one another; cease to be covetous; learn to impart one to another as the gospel requires; cease to be idle; cease to be unclean; **cease to find fault one with another.**

D&C 135:2b-3b 2b The hastening time is here and **greater unity than ever before is necessary if the forces of opposition are to be met** 3b and as the church shall move forward in its great work, the fulfillment of prophecy may cause the Saints to tremble at the exhibition of divine power, yet they shall rejoice in the protection of his grace.

DC 136:3c **Only in the peace of fraternity and the unity of those caught up in the spirit of Zion's redemption can the work of the Lord be accomplished. To this task let the church devote its energies.**

D&C 38:6 Behold, this I have given unto you a parable, and it is even as I am: **I say unto you, Be one; and if ye are not one, ye are not mine.**

Alma 8:31 Yea, and I say unto you, that if it were not for the prayers of the righteous, who are now in the land, that ye would even now be visited with utter destruction.

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Joel 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit.



Joel 2:15-16-17 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly; 16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. 17 Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them; wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

Joel 2:28-32 28 And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit.

D&C 92:1e-f 1e They who are not chosen have sinned a very grievous sin, in that they are walking in darkness at noonday; and for this cause, I gave unto you a commandment, **that you should call your solemn assembly; 1f that your fastings and your mourning** (humility and prayers of repentance) **might come up into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.**

D&C 34:6a Keep all the commandments and covenants by which ye are bound, and I will cause the heavens to shake for your good, and Satan shall tremble, **and Zion shall rejoice upon the hills, and flourish; and Israel shall be saved in Mine own due time.**

D&C 64:5a Behold, now it is called today (until the coming of the Son of man), and verily it is a day of sacrifice, and a day for the tithing of my people; for he that is tithed shall not be burned (at his coming); for after today cometh the burning: this is speaking after the manner of the Lord.

Jeremiah 33:11 The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts; for the Lord is good; for His mercy endureth forever unto them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

**September 2020 -- Class on Judgment
Handout #4 -- Time for Unity and Zion (3)**

Solemn Assembly -- A Time to Return to God



Luke 15:20 But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

D&C 1:5c-f And inasmuch as they sinned they might be chastened, that they might repent; and inasmuch as they were humble, they might be made strong, and blessed from on high, and receive knowledge from time to time; 5f for I the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance; nevertheless, he that repents and does the commandments of the Lord shall be forgiven.

D&C 83:8b And this condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion, even all; and they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon and the former commandments which I have given them, not only to say, but to do according to that which I have written.

D&C 3:15d-16a Yea, Satan doth stir up the hearts of the people to contention, concerning the points of My doctrine; and in these things they do err, for they do wrest the Scriptures, and do not understand them; 15e therefore, I will unfold unto them this great mystery; for, behold, I will gather them as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, if they will not harden their hearts; yea, if they will come, they may, and partake of the waters of life freely. 16a Behold, this is My doctrine: Whosoever repenteth and cometh unto Me, the same is My church.

D&C 32:2f Yea, open your mouths and they shall be filled, saying, Repent, repent and prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make His paths straight; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

D&C 108:5a-5d 5a Hearken and hear O ye inhabitants of the earth. 5b Listen, ye elders of My church together, and hear the voice of the Lord, for He calleth upon all men and He commandeth all men everywhere to repent; for, behold, the Lord God hath sent forth the angel, crying through the midst of heaven, saying: 5c Prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make His paths strait, for the hour of His coming is nigh, when the Lamb shall stand upon Mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's Name written in their foreheads; 5d wherefore, prepare ye for the coming of the Bridegroom.

D&C 118:4c Even now I am not well pleased with some, but space is granted for repentance and a renewal of diligence. Let no one deceive himself that he shall not account for his stewardship unto me. **[Given to JOSEPH SMITH by command of the Spirit.]**

**September 2020 -- Class on Judgment
Handout #4 -- Time for Unity and Zion (4)**

Are You Ready for Zion?



Genesis 9:22-23 22 And this is Mine Everlasting Covenant, that when thy posterity shall embrace the truth, and look upward, then shall Zion look downward, and all the heavens shall shake with gladness, and the earth shall tremble with joy; 23 And the general assembly of the church of the firstborn shall come down out of heaven, and possess the earth, and shall have place until the end come. And this is Mine Everlasting Covenant, which I made with thy father Enoch.

D&C 6:4b Say nothing but repentance unto this generation: keep My commandments, and assist to bring forth My work according to My commandments, and you shall be blessed.

D&C 59:2e Thou shalt offer a sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in righteousness; even that of a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

DC 130:7d And both in private and in public expenditure carry into active exercise the principle of sacrifice and repression of unnecessary wants.

D&C 23:4a For thou shalt devote all thy service in Zion. And in this thou shalt have strength.

D&C 39:4b Thou art called to labor in My vineyard, and to build up My church, and to bring forth Zion, that it may rejoice upon the hills and flourish.

D&C 45:12d-13a And the glory of the Lord shall be there, and the terror of the Lord also shall be there, insomuch that the wicked will not come unto it; and it shall be called Zion. 13a And it shall come to pass, among the wicked, that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor, must needs flee unto Zion for safety.

D&C 45:13c And it shall be said among the wicked, Let us not go up to battle against Zion, for the inhabitants of Zion are terrible, wherefore we cannot stand. 14 And it shall come to pass that the righteous shall be gathered out from among all nations, and shall come to Zion singing, with songs of everlasting joy.