

BIBLE TALK OUTLINE

SUNDAY 20th August, 2006

A Mountaintop Experience

Don't throw your pearls to pigs!

Series:

Sermon on the Mount

Reading:

Matthew 7:1-12

Speaker:

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1. Un-recognised Treasure

Recognising something of great worth

Key passage: Matt 7:6

Israel's identity as God's people: Deuteronomy 30:2-3

Half cooked, half frozen religion

2. The sermon on the mount so far

What obedience with all your heart and soul looks like

Matthew 5:3-7

Does that describe a Pharisee?

It's not about appearances

Matthew 6:33 – Seek first God's kingdom

Matthew 13:45-46 – Kingdom is like a pearl

Matthew 7:6 - Jesus warning to Israel – Don't throw your pearl to the pigs!

3. The theme continues

Matthew 7:1-5 – Do not Judge

The hypocrisy of judgementalism

4. The solution: Grace

Matthew 7:7-10 – Ask, seek, knock

Brief recap

- Israelites are members of God's kingdom
- They've forgotten what that means
- They've forgotten how great the kingdom of God is
- They've almost tossed their membership it to the Pigs!
- Sermon on the Mount reminds them what it means to be God's people
- Obeying God is about more than a mechanical exterior obedience of the law
- God will mercifully give a warm obedient heart to those who ask, seek and knock.

5. Application

Don't Judge

Tricky situations where we feel we need to judge

What type of Roast are you?

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