

Judgment in the House of God

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God desires purity in the church and wants it to be a light to the world, but the church has failed to judge sin within its walls and needs to be serious about purity and judging sin.

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Scripture: Matthew 7:1

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of maintaining purity within the church, as instructed by God. It highlights the need to address and expel those who claim to be believers but live in immorality, contrasting the church's role in judging its members with showing love and reaching out to those outside the church. The message stresses the significance of upholding God's standards of purity within His house to reflect His holiness and attract others to the faith.

Transcript

Because God has written His Word. 1 Corinthians chapter 5 1 Corinthians chapter 5 starting in verse 9, it's written, I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people. Not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers or idolaters.

In that case, you'd have to leave this world. But now I'm writing that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother, but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man, do not even eat.

What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside. Expel the wicked man from among you. So what do we do with that? Let's ignore it.

Go, I don't like it. I don't agree with it. Sounds harsh.

Let's not do it. Where do we go? You know what? That's what God says. And because this is His church, you've got to understand.

God says, this is My church. This isn't Francis' church. It's not your church.

This is God's church. He goes, look, I want things done a certain way in My house. In your house, if you want to have all sorts of immorality, that's your home.

With your bride, whatever kind of bride you want, that's up to you. But for My church, My bride, My house, I want a house that is pure. This is God speaking.

He goes, if you want to do things on earth as it is in heaven, you really mean that? Well, here's what I want in My church. I want purity. When I come back to My bride, I want to see that My bride is pure.

And I want to see that you expel those all-themselves Christians that are living in the moral lifestyle. Now, He makes it clear. He goes, look, I am not telling you.

Because Paul wrote this letter to the Corinthians. And he said, you know what? In my letter, I told you not to associate with the sexually immoral. He goes, I'm not just talking about the people in the womb.

You know, I'm not telling you just to die and go to heaven. You wouldn't be able to talk to anyone. Because you need to be out there.

You've got to understand this. I think the church has got it all wrong. What we end up doing is the same thing the Corinthian church does, is we avoid the people in the world that are immoral.

We run from them, and we curse them, and we judge them. And God says, what are you judging them for? You have no right to judge them. That's God's job.

He goes, but inside the church, you are supposed to judge them. See, we allow sin in the church. And we go, well, that guy's leaving his wife.

But, well, I would have left her too. You know, whatever type of thing. And, oh, let me put my arm around you.

And the Bible's saying, wait, no, no, no, not in my house. Not in my church. And we let these things go on in the church.

And then we say how evil those people are out in the world. That's completely opposite of what God desires. God says, you know what? The people who don't know me, they're going to do what they're going to do.

And you need to love them. You need to go after them. Isn't that what Jesus did? He was out with the alcoholics, with the prostitutes, with the murderers, with the thieves.

That's who Jesus hung with out in the world. But seeing the church is supposed to look differently. God says, I want the church to be pure.

See, and I know that some of you are thinking, man, Francis, you preach this type of message. And we won't need a, you know, a building project. You're going to get rid of everyone.

You know what? What if unbelievers hear this message? What if people outside of the church walls hear this type of message? It's going to turn them off to Christianity. And I think you'd be surprised. I believe the world is waiting for the church to preach this message.

They are waiting for the church to get serious about judging the sin that's inside the church and what judgment that is. And then suddenly there'll be a light to the world and they'll be attracted to it and say, okay, now I want to be in a place like that. Because how many times have you shared with people and

they said, I don't need to be a part of that church.

I know so-and-so. He goes there, calls himself a Christian. He's twice as immoral as I am.

Who needs your Jesus? But what if the church was serious about purity? And suddenly in here we love each other enough that we went after each other and confront each other on the things that are not pleasing to God. And we started judging those inside the church. I tell you, that's not going to deter people from this place.

It's suddenly going to be the salt of the earth. It'll be the light of the world.

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