Matthew Chapter 7 Student

Contents: Continuation of *The Sermon on the Mount*. Encouragement to prayer. Warnings against false teachers. Danger of profession <u>withou</u>t faith. The two foundations. The two ways.

Characters: GOD, JESUS.

Conclusion: True disciples of **CHRIST** will be:

- 1. Men and women who are cautious in their judgment of others,
- 2. Conscious of their own faults,
- 3. Confident and earnest in prayer,
- 4. Wary of false teachers and those who are hypocritical in their profession and their behavior.

They should build all eternal hopes upon the firm Rock, faith in the Word of **GOD** and **CHRIST JESUS**.

Key Word: Sermon on the Mount, 5:2. (Two ways, 13, 24, 26.)

Strong Verses: 1, 2, 7, 8, 12, 15, 21, 24.

Striking Facts: *Verse* 22 shows that there will be who are rejected by *CHRIST* in the last days, i.e. preachers, so-called soul winners and "good", "moral" women and men, who are devoid of true faith in *CHRIST* who alone is the foundation of salvation. Beware of those who provide mere lip-devotion which has no value or substance, either here or hereafter.

Questions:

- 1. Should we judge each other?
- 2. What are the conditions to judge?
- 3. Who should we judge?
- 4. How can you recognize a "true believer"?
- 5. What will happen to those who do "good" work but do not truly believe?
- 6. What is the advantage of **true faith** in the life of a **believe**r?

Bonus Question: What is the implication of verses 28-29 and JESUS' interaction with the religious leaders of HIS day?