

TWIGS AND TIMBERS

Intro. Many have quoted Mt 7:1. Perhaps been pointed out that says OK to judge under certain cir, v 5. Not saying shouldn't judge, but should be qualified to judge-no hypocrites qualify. Noticed notes and beams-twig and timbers and ridiculous position person puts self in. Note some things about sinning in this word.

*Everyone thinks his timber and twigs
diff. twigs I diff. sinners deal with them*

I. There are degrees of sin. Twigs and timbers. Tho no sin little bec not against a little God.

Recognize this not so we condone sin but that we concentrate our efforts on erradicating sin in right place.

1. Example of liberty vs timidity. Involves diff sins.

Student who is timid about movies at DTS. Not legalis but timid as to propriety. Gets in conversation with another who expostulates on doctrine of liberty. Gets eyes open and off they go to movies. But in bed that night not sure did right thing. I bel in liberty but Script liberty is a curbed lib not a participating one. So this flouted liberty is a timber while the timidity that even borders on legalism is a twig.

~~Example of timidity vs liberty. Twigs and timbers. Twigs are small sins, timbers are large sins.~~

II. There is a blindness to one's own sin.3

Cf not bet seeing and not, but seeing and not choosing to see.

1. Example of pride. Easy for Xn workers to see and condemn pride of possessions in others (materialism) and condemn lack of love in giving.

Difficult to consider pride of poss of knowledge in self. Iride of DTS training, and lack of love in giving selves unless situation is just right. p 15.

2. Example of dispensationalism. I think cov theo is a ~~big~~ timber of interp. Reading back. Allegorizing. Inconsistencies. Smugness. But when have I preached on Sermon on Mt or prayed Lord's prayer. Not just said it is profitable but used it. Lived golden rule. Studied 10 comm. Got some timbers in own eye and by comparison my actions are timbers and cov theol twigs.

III. There is an eagerness to judge others, 4a. before cleaning own house. Ex of Calvinism. I despise Arminianism. Think it makes havoc of lives (Zwicker at PCB) and mission activity and churches. Timber of an error. I think Cal~~vinism~~ is right but abused it becomes a timber and by comparison Arminism is a twig of sin. Cal beam when used to cover sin. Lk 13:1. Gethsemane-couldn't watch

Cal beam when used an excuse for lack of concern for lost. Wait for elect to come to you or Go into all world.

2. Example of premill. Eager to judge a mil who can't see what's going on in the world today. He looks at Palestine and sees politics. We enlightened premils look and see prophecy. We ought to see that too, but before we eagerly judge him, let's see in Pal Jews returning in unbelief.

IV. There is an unwillingness to judge one's own sins, 4b, 5a.

coll. situation
Example of separatism. Scriptural to separate from unsaved and from Xns under certain circum. Much of separatism of our day is a timber of sin. So quick to point out timbers of others, so slow to see own. But, you say, they admit they aren't perfect. Yes, aren't perfect in what ways? Organization, procedure, power, but seldom see concentration on sins of tongue. These are beams. Need tongue-tied separationists. Seemingly put on a good offense in order to cover up need of a good defense. Yell loud, point weak. Same goes for inclusivists--could look at timbers. Indeed, all of us could. That's the Lord's point. Look at what is right under your nose, or in words of this text right in own eyes. Then later, some day, you'll be able to work on others. Until do this and constantly ministry stifled and stunted. Beam ^{dokon} akin to dechomai, receive. Hint that beam is something we ourselves let in. Not put there, not forced. Let in. That's why you and I have to cast it out ourselves with help of God.

V. Discrimination is necessary, 6. Xn is to be judicious, not judicial. Dogs, swine unclean, 2 Pet 2:22. Refers to holy flesh, Lev 22:6, 7, 10, 16 which was not to be given to a stranger, and a fortiori to dogs. Means gospel or deeper truths of Xn life (7) not for everybody. Acts 13:46; 18:6;