Mat 142

God not only rejects evil HE deals with it aggressively concerning the Believer

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Mat 13:13

Today we will note why God appears to deal harshly with some and use a gentler hand with others.

Though we can not put God in a box…we do need to look at historically how God deals with certain people and situations.

So we can understand His will for our lives better and at the same time get a handle on why tragic events occur or divine discipline falls on certain people and circumstance.

Mat 13:13 “Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

/[Mat 13:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/14/s_942014) “In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says,
‘YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE;

(Isa 6:9-10)\

This was a warning for the southern kingdom of Israel the Tribe of Judah.

 I covered this in recent lessons and it would be a saving ministry that Isaiah would spare the Jews about 100 years once they began to listen to the warnings.

God postponed discipline because of men like Isaiah and those few who started to heed the warning.

[Mat 13:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/15/s_942015) FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.’

There is a prophetic element in these scriptures that TLJC highlights and is just another avenue of fulfilled prophecy within Jesus earthly ministry.

There really were no excuses that the Jews who knew their OT couldn’t recognize Jesus as the Messiah.

[Mat 13:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/16/s_942016)“But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.

/Mat 13:17 “For truly I say to you that **many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see**, and did not see *it,* and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it.*

Because of arrogance, and apathy toward the Word of God.\

That becomes the key problem we will note in why discipline falls on certain people and situations.

The nation of Israel continually fell into lifestyle choices opposite of what God had taught them…lifestyle…evil!!

/Evil is a habitual lifestyle opposite of scripture and is almost always dealt with by God in a harsh manner after warnings and opportunities have fallen on deaf ears. The examples we have noted in Matthew chapters 11- 13 are several years of Christ teaching, healing and performing miracles right in front of legalistic Jews who still reject Him.\

This was nothing new for the Jews…the fact is it is nothing new for mankind in general.

Then people wonder why God has to eventually step in and discipline or allow people to reap what they sow.

This was an ongoing issue in the OT….

After the Babylonian captivity when the temple was going to be rebuilt, we had a lot of ritual nonsense and ritual without reality means nothing to God;

/Zec 7:11“But **they refused to pay attention** and turned a **stubborn shoulder** and **stopped their ears** from hearing. 12 “They made **their hearts *like* flint** so that they **could not hear the law and the words** which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets; **therefore great wrath** came from the LORD of hosts.\ REPEAT ELABORATE

Turn to Isa chapter 29 with me.

Arrogance is the road block to truth!

The problem serious Bels have is we get discouraged and frustrated because we are always the brunt of the joke.

In recent years we are now being depicted as being not only wrong but racist or radical in our beliefs.

(PETE BOOTY ON TRUMP CHRISTIAN SHOULDN’T VOTE FOR HIM)

Who do you think developed that evil narrative???

/Psa 119:69 The **arrogant have forged a lie** against me; With all *my* heart I will observe Your precepts. 70 **Their heart is covered with fat**, *But* I delight in Your law.

Unbel’s are often very content in their lifestyle it is comfortable as they live openly against the truth but swear they know truth.\

Don’t get discouraged this is the new normal in our world which is really just a sign and symbol of the rapid approach of the anti-Christ.

/Isa 29: 10 For **the LORD has** poured over you a **spirit of deep sleep**, **He** has **shut your eyes**, the **prophets**; And **He** has **covered your heads**, the **seers** (*chozeh*).

This speaks to the church leaders and even government leaders in general because that was who help to guide the people very early in the ancient world. \

A SEER - CAS-SA was a form of prophet or one who wrote down the interpretation of God’s words and God the HS inspirations.

This is prophetic for what we have been studying when TLJC came in person in front of the leaders we have noted in Matthew chapters 12 & 13.

/[Isa 29:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/isa/29/11/s_708011) The entire vision will be to you like the words of a sealed book, which when they give it to the **one who is literate** (*leadership/intellects Unbel*), saying, “Please read this,” he will say, “I cannot, for it is sealed.”\

This was prevalent in the days of Isaiah but would also be fulfilled in the day of the Hypostatic Union …when TLJC walked the earth…no different today!

/[Isa 29:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/isa/29/12/s_708012) Then the book will be given to the **one who is illiterate** (*common man/Unbel*), saying, “Please read this.” And he will say, “I cannot read.”\

This has deeper meaning because it would also point out the Jews who rejected the Messiah…and the Gentiles being grafted into the Royal Family of God.

You can flip back to the beginning of the Bible…Genesis chapter 6.

For those who claim God isn’t fair this may be the lesson today that shows you just how fair God is.

TLJC teaching in parables and excluding the religious crowds who had already rejected HIM and were now planning to attack HIM wasn’t the act of an unjust…unfair God…but due to the rebellious nature of an unrepented heart. REPEAT

Gen 6:3 Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,

/[Gen 6:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/gen/6/2/s_6002) that the **sons of God** (*ben* *'elohiym*) saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

(Fallen angels fornicating with human women)\

The offspring of this unholy union would be the Nephilim mentioned in verse 4.

These were known to be giants….mighty men and probably women who would go on to become gods and goddesses.

But let’s see how fair God truly is;

/[Gen 6:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/gen/6/3/s_6003) Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be **one hundred and twenty years**.”\

120 years…is that long enough for God to wait…what about the 40 years God waited for the Exodus Generation to get it together and follow HIS commands.

Many people do not give God the credit HE deserves for being the long suffering Creator who is constantly ridiculed and rejected by the very creatures He created.

Speaking of the Exodus generation look at what happen with the Pharaoh of Egypt.

He was approached by Moses and Aaron and they had proven themselves to representing the one true God and all God wanted was to set His people free from an unjust and unfair system of slavery.

No matter what miracle or sign the Pharaoh witnessed it didn’t seem to be enough…it never is for arrogance. As soon as he got finished with a plague he went right back into arrogant pride.

/Exo 8:15 But when Pharaoh saw that **there was relief**, **he hardened his heart** and did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.\

Notice God backs off or allows the pain or plague to have a limit and the arrogant Unbel goes right back to having a hard heart.

It is the person who cries out to God in time of dire need and great pain….*please God just remove this from me and I’ll be devoted to You!* Six months later they completely forgot their promise to God.

For the Pharaoh, when the plagues became too overwhelming and even the magicians and false healers of the kingdom could not duplicate the plagues they submitted themselves to the Pharaoh and admitted defeat. Do you think the Pharaoh finally said- *ok…yeah this Israeli God is the real deal…let them GO!*

/Exo 8:19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, **“This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he did not listen** to them, as the LORD had said.\

You all probably know this story but this goes on for weeks…in fact many scholars believe this was a two-month ordeal of non-stop plagues. At the end…Pharaoh had to lose his son which is where we get the plague that brought the Jews the Passover. Yet still look at chapter 14.

/Exo 14:8 The LORD **hardened the heart of Pharaoh,** king of Egypt, **and he chased after the sons of Israel** as the sons of Israel were going out boldly.

God knows in eternity past who will be negative toward His word. \

God does not force arrogance and pride unto mankind…God allows free will which in turn opens the door to the OSN.

If you don’t think God plans millions of years in advance and has good reason for His discipline at times just look back to Exodus chapter 11;

SAME TIME FRAME.

/Exo 11:9 Then the LORD said to Moses, **“Pharaoh will not listen to you, so that My wonders will be multiplied** in the land of Egypt.”

God knew all about the arrogance and stubbornness of ALL who would stand against Him. In His blessing of free will everyone gets opportunities for change and God will use the negative to illuminate HIS plan & HIS righteousness.\

The problem is because God sits back and allows not only free will but often times, God allows a great deal of time and space for people to do whatever their wicked, little heart’s desire.

LET IT PLAY OUT…it ends up showing us everything…like with TRUMP.

They get upset when God finally steps in to put a stop to evil…yet they do not recognize Him before that time.

/Deu 32:15 But Jeshurun (Israel) **grew fat and kicked** (*ba`at*)—You are **grown fat, thick**, and **sleek** (*kasha*)—Then **he forsook God who made him**, and **scorned the Rock** of his salvation.\

JESS-URUN was a symbolic name for *one who is upright* - which meant the nation of Israel at this historic time.

That word KICK means to trample over something….BAH-ATE…is a complete disregard for something or someone as you step on or over them. Attack!

That Hebrew verb sleek, CASE-AH means one who has fully absorbed everything around them…a full belly from eating everything at the table!

Remember in ancient times someone who was plump or a bit chubby was considered wealthy or well off.

/[Deu 32:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/deu/32/16/s_185016) “They made Him jealous with **strange *gods****;* With abominations they provoked Him to anger. 17 “**They sacrificed to demons** who were not God, to **gods whom they have not known**, **new *gods*** who came lately, whom your fathers did not dread.\ year 2020???

LIFESTYLE…what is your motivation and what is really going on in your heart???

Turn to the NT…John chapter 3.

To worship false gods and have false idols is a form of a lifestyle.

It is the same as what happens to someone with an addiction it always starts off innocent.

But eventually it falls into a lifestyle that often leads to a medical or psychological issue. REAPING WHAT YOU SOW!

That is why I said last lesson a Bel can have evil in their life and it is really what is holding them back from spiritual growth.

 They hardly ever achieve any spiritual ground and many times they just give up.

/Jhn 3:19“This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and **men loved the darkness rather than the Light**, for their **deeds were evil**.\

[Jhn 3:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/3/20/s_1000020) “For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

This explains why people shy away from a relationship with God….for the Bel with evil in their lives it is what drives them away…Satan loves that!

*for fear that his deeds will be exposed.*

Satan loves fear and shame…God will cleanse that if the person will just get connected to God…get themselves into a deep relationship with God.

 TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FIRST!

God heals & reconciles …Satan hurts and divides.

/[Jhn 3:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jhn/3/21/s_1000021) “But **he who practices the truth** comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been **wrought** (*ergazomai*) in God.”

*ergazomai* – meaning a labor or to toil on something (trade), this is a working term. (*Divine Good* done only thru God)\

ER-GAD-ZOM-AHEE

This is because we are reflecting God when we are filled with God the HS and applying BD to our daily lives….what some theologians call Theandric Action.

God within man and the action that can produce if applied properly.

We will finish in Romans chapter 9.

As you turn there I will place a few scriptures on the board to emphasize what I have been teaching you today.

Because evil is a lifestyle and it is opposed to scripture… God began to deal with the positive Bel slightly differently in the CA…..mystery doctrine opened up for those who took their relationship with God seriously.

That is what the Apostle Paul stressed in his teaching this exact type of principle;

/2Tim 4:3 For the time will come when **they will not endure sound doctrine**; but *wanting* **to have their ears tickled**, **they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires**, 4 and will **turn away their ears from the truth** and will turn aside to myths.\ CHRITSIANITY 2020

This became the norm and standard for Bels back then and it is still strong today in most Christian circles and denominations.

/Heb 5:11 Concerning him we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, **since you have become dull of hearing**. 12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, **you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles** of the oracles of God, and **you have come to need milk and not solid food.\**  REPEAT

There are times that milk is used in the Bible as a good thing and a handful of times like this when it is used to describe a slightly negative meaning for Bels.

If you are a Bel and your lifestyle has brought you to a place of evil and not just sporadic sinning…this message today should be the wake-up call!

/Isa 66:4 **So I (God) will choose their punishments** and will bring on them what they dread. Because **I called, but no one answered**; I spoke, but **they did not listen**. And **they did evil in My sight** and chose that in which I did not delight.”\ REPEAT

God always sends the information and warnings far before the discipline comes on the scene. Repeat!!!!!

Mankind living in the OSN habitually will only become more arrogant…prideful and stubborn.

/Hos 4:16 Since **Israel is stubborn**
Like a stubborn heifer, can the LORD now pasture them like a lamb in a large field? 17 Ephraim (Northern Kingdom) is **joined to idols;
Let him alone**.\ HEIFER & LAMB difference!!!!!!!!!!

Tough question for God to ask…it is rhetorical meaning…. HE already knows the answer…God can not nurture and pasture them ….a stubborn heifer like the lamb in a large field. What He often does is step back…leave us alone to reap what we sow…HE never truly leaves, but allows the illusion of the Bel alone living with their negative choices.

The problem with many Bels is they become more stubborn…they actually begin to challenge God in their words and actions.

/Isa 45:9 **Woe to *the one* who quarrels with his Maker**—An earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth!
**Will the clay say to the potter**, ‘**What are you doing?**’ Or the thing you are making *say,* ‘He has no hands’?\

This goes along with this last set of scriptures I want to highlight;

/Rom 9:20 On the contrary**, who are you, O man, who answers back to God**? The thing molded will not say to the molder, **“Why did you make me like this,”** will it?\

This is what many people do…they say why did God make me like this…angry…or bitter and jealous and yet God never made anyone like that. That is a result of a negative soul structure who rejects the truth. It is the OSN in control.

/[Rom 9:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/rom/9/21/s_1055021) **Or does not the potter have a right** over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use?\

Who is in charge the clay or the potter?

For many people the clay is the one who calls all the shots and tells the potter what they want.

TLJC began using parables as a way to introduce mystery doctrine and HE would later teach all HIS followers that HE would assign men as pastors, evangelist and leaders to teach the word properly.

Those who rejected the gospel or simply chose to live outside the plan of God after salvation would be getting exactly what their actions and words desired…no relationship with God, no intimate knowledge of the mind of TLJC.

For the Unbel…they want separation or independence from God and in the end they get it.

For the Bel who seeks independence after salvation they get it as well….seeds that spring up quickly and wither away…saved and having eternal security and absolutely nothing else in time or eternity.