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TEXT: Matthew 7:21-23 Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

PROPOSITION: If you repeat something often enough, it seems to be the truth. And many folks will eventually come to accept it as fact.

Examples:

1. Elephants are afraid of mice.
2. You should never use your cell phone when putting gasoline in your car!

INTRODUCTION:

1. Some things we hear so often, we start to accept them as truth.
2. Some repeat these statements without thinking them through.
3. Here are some often made statements -- but, when you think about it -- NOBODY (well at least most people) believes them.
  - I. One church is as good as another.
    - A. Why don't you become a Mormon? Jehovah's Witness? or Buddhist? Jew or a Muslim? What about the cowboy church or motorcycle church. Church that worships Satan?
    - B. Why don't you quit where you are come with me?
    - C. We believe our church is better -- or we would seek someplace else.
    - D. Why all the warnings about false teachers in the Bible?
      1. Matt. 7:15 Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.
      2. 1 Jn. 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
  - II. You go your way. I'll go mine. We will all go to heaven.

- A. Why don't you believe in maps?
- B. Do you believe the atheist is going to heaven?
- C. Do you believe the Muslim that flew the planes into the twin towers on 9/11 are going to heaven?
  1. What do you do about the Bible?
  2. John 14:6 Jesus said to him, " I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
  3. John 8: 24 "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

III. What I do at home is nobody's business.

- A. You mean it is OK for incest, pedophilia and kiddy porn?
- B. Is it OK to physically abuse your wife or kids in your home?
- C. Stories in the news -- parents put children in closet, Marcus Fusel.
- D. We live in an intertwined web of life.
  1. If my neighbor tries to barbeque in his house it may well burn my house down.
  2. If he gets drunk and shots at his wife it may miss her and hit me.
  3. If he views kiddy porn and is excited by that the neighborhood kids are at risk!

IV. You can't legislate morals. (Don't impose your morals on me)

- A. You can't make laws about murder, rape, or incest?
- B. You can't make laws about stealing, perjury, or drugs?
- C. Most legislation is Moral! Many of our laws are (were) based on moral principles in the Bible)
- D. REAL ISSUE: Whose morality will be legislated?
- E. Those in authority have the power to make the rules good or bad. Matt. 20:25  
But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.

V. Judge not lest ye be judged

- A. Matt. 7:1 "Judge not, that you be not judged.
- B. By making that statement you have made a judgment about someone or something!
- C. Luke 12:57 Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right?
- D. John 7:24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.

VI. A loving God would never send anyone to hell.

- A. Would a loving God reward wicked and evil men?
- B. Would He be a loving God if He allowed Hitler and Stalin in with Paul and Peter?
- C. You cannot believe the Bible and hold to that.
  - 1. Rom. 12:19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but [rather] give place to wrath; for it is written, " Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.
  - 2. 2 Thess. 1: 8-9 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,  
  
Jude 7 As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

VII. A Woman's right to choose She can do what she wants with her own body!

- A. What about prostitution?
- B. What about drugs?
- C. What if she took her hand (which is her body) and shook her baby and it died? (She has then affected someone else?)

VIII. The Lord May Return at Any Time.

- A. This one is certainly true enough.

1. 1 Cor. 15:22 -23 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming .

2. 2. Thess1: 7-10 And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

3. 1 Thess. 4: 16 -18 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout , with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

B. Luke 17:24-30 "For as the lightning that flashes out of one [part] under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

C. We should say this like we mean it- better yet live like we mean it.

D. If the Lord were to return right now do you know you would be saved, doubting nothing? If not let us help you right now!

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