**Sermon on the Mount March 22, 2022**

**Matthew 7: 6 – 8 Women in the Word**

**DOGS AND HOGS**

*“Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to the pigs (swine).”*

Introduction

I. The need for discernment

A. Other passages

1. II Samuel 12: 1 – 14

2. Matthew 26: 6 – 13

3. John 8: 1 – 11

4. Proverbs 9: 7 – 10

**7**Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults;  
  whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse.  
**8**Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you;  
    rebuke the wise and they will love you.  
**9**Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still;  
    teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.

**10**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,  
     and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

II. The dogs

A. Dogs are those who openly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

B. Other verses

1. Matthew 10: 14

2. Acts 13: 44- 45, 50 – 51

3. Acts 18: 5 – 6

C. Discern who continually rejects and go the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and

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III. The hogs

A. We are pearls of great price.

B. Three interpretations of the pearls and what is sacred/holy.

1. Unbelievers who are antagonistic to the gospel.

2. High \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ standards of Christian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Religious leaders who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s truth.

C. The Apostles Creed

D. Declaration of Faith of HPBC – precious pearls of our beliefs

IV. Practical application

A. Protect our children and our homes.

B. Put on the whole armor of God.

V. Verses about Prayer (7: 7 – 8)

A. To have spiritual discernment

1. Keep on asking

2. Keep on seeking

3. Keep on knocking

B. Ephesians 6: 18 – 19

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