**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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