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- How do the exhortations in vv. 8-11 reflect the Lord's teaching in Matthew 7?
- Where else in the NT do we see this principle?
- What two dangers does he point out to his readers as they examine themselves?
- What is the difference between rewards and eternal life?
- What does it mean to "have God"?
- What practical application can we draw from John's desire to speak "face to face" with his readers?
- By what process does "face to face" meeting lead to "fulness of joy"?

8-11, Two Warnings

Distinctions from the Summary:

- All plural (“you” not “thou”)
- Warnings (negative)
- Direct imperatives (vs. “I beseech”)

	Examine Yourself	Discern the Body of Christ
Matt 7	5 first cast out the beam out of thine own eye ;	and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye
1 Cor 11	28 let a man examine himself	29 unworthily, ... not discerning the Lord's body
2 Jn 1	8 Look to yourselves	10 receive him not

The Order of Correction

Mat 7:1 Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. 3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? 5 Thou hypocrite, **first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then** shalt thou see clearly to **cast out** the mote out of thy brother's eye.

1Co 11:28 But let a man **examine himself**, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not **discerning the Lord's body**.

8, Examine Yourself

8 Look βλέπω *blepō* G991 to yourselves

Matt 7:3 And why **beholdest** thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, ...

Heb. 3:12 **Take heed**, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

First Danger: Loss of Reward μισθός *misthos* G3408

Not eternal life:

Rom 4:4 Now to him that worketh is the **reward** not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

1Co 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. ... 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own **reward** according to his own labour. ... 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if **any man** build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 **Every man's work** shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a **reward**. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but **he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.**

9, Second Danger: “Hath not God ... Christ”

1Jn 2:23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same **hath not the Father**

Gen 17:8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and **I will be their God.**

Jer. 10:16 **The portion חֵלֶק cheleq H2506 of Jacob** is not like them: for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: The LORD of hosts is his name.

Eze 44:28 And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: **I am their inheritance**: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: **I am their possession.**

Possession ← Receiving

Jhn 1:12 But as many as **received** him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Defines Eternal Life

1Jn 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

10-11, Discern the Body

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

**Bid “God Speed” =
“Rejoice”**

Act 23:26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix sendeth greeting.

Face to Face

Act 15:36 And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and **visit our brethren** in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

Rom 15:23 But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you; 24 Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for **I trust to see you** in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company.

1Th 2:17 But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly **to see your face** with great desire.

1Ti 3:14 These things write I unto thee, **hoping to come unto thee** shortly:

2Ti 1:4 **Greatly desiring to see thee**, being mindful of thy tears, **that I may be filled with joy;**

Tit 3:12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to **come unto me** to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

... that our joy may be full

Result of God's Presence

Psa. 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: **in thy presence [face] is fulness of joy**; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psa. 21:6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: **thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance [face]**.

John 3:29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: **this my joy therefore is fulfilled.**



The Lord among his Gathered People

Mat 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom **ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.**

1Pe 2:3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. 4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, 5 Ye also, as lively stones, **are built up a spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.