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Sermon – The Scornor (People!!! Series Week 1)

Scripture – Proverbs 13:1, Proverbs 15:12, Exodus 5:1-14

Main Message – You never know who you're going meet, so let's meet the Scornor.

I've been asked to do a message on how we should meet people of different personalities wisely. So, I'm going to take this request and use it to remind everyone of this years focus on Love. This week is to address this one in particular, "The Scornor, also translated as mocker/scoffer.

Read Proverbs 13:1

Read Proverbs 15:12

A scornor or scoffer is a person who mocks, derides, or shows contempt for something, often religious or moral values. They may also be described as someone who jeers, flouts, or disregards something with mockery and ridicule. I am guessing you've met someone like that. This is different from someone who ambivalently disbelieves, or doubts, like the Apostle Thomas. This is a person who actively ridicules and name calls someone. If you're a Christian you will have been attacked that way by someone saying, "you're stupid if you believe in fairy tails.' That fits the definition of a scoffer. Sadly, it also works the other way, where a Christian, a poorly acting one, scoffs or ridicules by demeaning phrases other than expressing God's grace, mercy, and love to someone else. They are trying to operate from a position of self-righteousness rather than tender dialogue. A scoffer is on the attack. Be careful to not become like those who attack you, but be like Jesus, and the apostles, who accepted the persecution with a patient, stoic, love-filled heart. By doing this, you have given the situation to God, who truly knows how to judge a situation and a person's heart.

Read Ex 5:1-9 Expository Style

Pharaoh was a Scoffer. He not only ridiculed Moses and Aaron, but punished the Hebrews for even thinking of sacrificing to their God. Well, we know how that went.

Read 2 Tim 3:1-5

These aren't future days but are truly the days we are living now. People used to have at least some modicum of respect for those of faith, now they are an open target of ridicule – even ministers and pastors. People feel comfortable attacking those of faith. The worldly ways are too powerful and seductive for them. They are deceived by the power of almighty pleasure.

SO how do you meet them?

Read 2 Tim 3: 6-14

Live purely, even in the face of onslaught and persecution with love that Jesus shed his blood.