

Subject: SENDING OUT THE APOSTLES

²⁷ “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. ³⁰ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 10:27-33

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

1. Understanding certain expressions

- a) “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light”
 - i) This is a reference to what the Lord Jesus taught His Disciples privately
 - ii) They must not be afraid to proclaim the Truth publicly and clearly
- b) And what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops
 - i) This is a similar expression
The Lord Jesus had taught many Truths to the Disciples personally
 - ii) They must find the courage to proclaim publicly (housetops)

2. The Ministry of preaching

- a) This must be done courageously
- b) It must be done faithfully

OVERCOMING FEARS

1. Fear of Man (Councils, Kings and Governors)

- a) This fear must be fought and overcome
- b) The fear of man can ensnare a person
- c) One may be afraid of losing his life

2. Fear of God

- a) God is the One to be feared
- b) He can destroy both body and soul
- c) He can send one to hell (reference to death and beyond)

3. Of Value to God

- a) The sparrow is one of the most common birds in the world
- b) Nevertheless, God takes notice when a sparrow falls
- c) The Lord has numbered the amount of hair follicles
- d) We are of more value than sparrows and human hair
- e) We are reminded that we are of even greater value

CONFESSING AND DENYING

1. Confessing is Expressing Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

- a) Clearly
- b) Confidently
- c) Courageously
- d) The Lord will confess us before the Father in heaven

2. Denying the Lord Jesus

- a) Departing from the Lord John 6:66
- b) Denying Faith in the Lord
- c) The Lord Jesus will deny any relationship with us too

CONCLUSION

1. A classic statement

*¹¹ This is a faithful saying:
For if we died with Him,
We shall also live with Him.*

*¹² If we endure,
We shall also reign with Him.
If we deny Him,
He also will deny us.*

*¹³ If we are faithless,
He remains faithful;
He cannot deny Himself.* *2 Timothy 2:11-13*

- a) Dying with the Lord Jesus
- b) Enduring persecution
- c) If we deny Him
 - i) Deliberate
 - ii) Disavowal
 - iii) We will be denied
- d) If we are faithless
 - i) We lack that Faith
 - ii) The Lord understands
 - iii) He remains faithful

2. Our Challenge

- a) To grow our faith
- b) To strengthen our spirit of courage and endurance
- c) To determine to be steadfast and faithful