

**INTERMEDIATE SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**  
**Text: Matthew 10**  
**Subject: SENDING OUT THE APOSTLES**

**28 MAY 2023**

*<sup>40</sup> "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.*

*<sup>41</sup> He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.*

*<sup>42</sup> And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."*

*Matthew 10:40-42*

**A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

**1. When the Disciples are received well**

- a) They are receiving the Lord Jesus
- b) And if they are receiving the Lord Jesus, they are receiving God who sent Him

**2. Different ways of being received**

- a) Receiving a person as a prophet
  - i) He will receive the reward of a prophet
  - ii) The example of how Elijah was received by the widow of Zarephath  
1 Kings 17:8-24
- b) Receiving a righteous man
  - i) Believing in the righteousness of the visitor
  - ii) The example of Barzillai 2 Samuel 17:27-29; 1 Kings 2:7
- c) Receiving a person as a disciple
  - i) Just as a cup of cold water
  - ii) That person will not lose his reward

## **MINISTERING FOR THE LORD IN THE EARLY DAYS**

### **1. Support was not easily forthcoming**

- a) Many had no means of support
- b) Ministry was much harder

### **2. Support for Ministry**

- a) This was taught by the Apostle Paul
- b) Instruction for support was carefully taught (1 Corinthians 9)
  - i) Provision was to be made
  - ii) This was a basic “right”

## **CONCLUSION**

### **1. The challenge to support well**

### **2. The blessing of the supporters**

### **3. A word that we must seek to learn well and practise**