

**Text: Matthew 24:9-14**

**Title: “He who endures to the end”**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Challenging Times

- a) They will come
- b) We have been forewarned

2. Why were these warnings given?

- a) To prepare our hearts and minds
- b) To do what we need to fortify ourselves for what lies ahead'

**SOLEMN WORDS OF WARNING ABOUT TRIBULATION**

*“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.” Matthew 24:9*

1. Tribulation

2. Killed

3. Hated

**SIMILAR WORDS OF WARNING I**

*<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*<sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil  
against you falsely for My sake.*

*<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so  
they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:10-12*

1. The 8<sup>th</sup> Beatitude

2. The blessing of the Kingdom of heaven

3. The challenge to rejoice

## SIMILAR WORDS OF WARNING II

<sup>16</sup> “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. <sup>17</sup> But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. <sup>18</sup> You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

<sup>21</sup> “Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. <sup>22</sup> And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above *his* teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *will they call* those of his household! <sup>26</sup> Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

Matthew 10:16-26

1. In the Context of Ministry
2. In the Context of being identified with the Lord Jesus
  - a) The Teacher is persecuted
  - b) The Disciple may suffer the same fate
3. Not even in the End-Times scenario
4. Negative and hostile attitudes of enemies:
  - a) Delivered up
  - b) Scourged
  - c) Betrayed and persecuted by family
  - d) Hatred

## 5. Challenge:

- a) Not to be afraid
- b) Endure to the end
- c) Believe in the empowering of the Spirit of God

## POTENTIAL NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES

*<sup>10</sup> And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.*

*<sup>11</sup> Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.*

*<sup>12</sup> And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.*

*Matthew 24:10-12*

- 1. Many will be offended
- 2. Some will betray
- 3. Others will hate
- 4. False prophets will arise and deceive many
- 5. Lawlessness will abound
- 6. The love of many will grow cold

## POTENTIAL POSITIVE OUTCOMES

*<sup>13</sup> But he who endures to the end shall be saved.*

*<sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

*Matthew 24:13-14*

- 1. Endurance
- 2. Preaching of the kingdom of God
- 3. Then will the end come!

## **CONCLUSION**

1. To overcome our Fears
2. To build a strong Faith
3. To learn how to have Endurance to the very end