

## MATTHEW 10:17-27

A. Matthew 10:17 - But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;

1. In this verse, they are being told **how** they will be accepted as they go out to minister in Christ's name. Again, this will go beyond the immediate Galilean tour to their time beginning in **early** Acts.
2. They will be delivered up to the councils. It seems that every time the word council appears, it is used in a **bad** way (when religious councils gather). The apostles will be taken to the synagogue and **beaten**.

Example: Acts 5:40-41 - [And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Acts 5:41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.]

B. Matthew 10:18 - And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

\*They are going to be brought before leaders so they could be a testimony, not to them, but **against** them. They would be a testimony to the Jewish and Gentile leaders of their **rejection** of Jesus Christ. They **previously** had the opportunity and said no to believing in Him. And once again, by rejecting the apostles (Christ's messengers), they reject His message. This will happen in Acts 2-7.

C. Matthew 10:19-20 - But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. Matt. 10:20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

1. Some use these verses today and do not prepare a message, but say when they get up that God will give them the words to speak. You can **tell** they have not prepared anything...but they had a good time!
2. Here these believers are not having a good time. They are being taken before the councils (courts) and **scourged**. For them, Christ promises that the Spirit will give them the words to defend themselves at the council.

Acts 2:4-6 - And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Acts 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

\*\*God put in their mouths His words as to what they were to say. This was **inspiration** of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:16). This is why the charismatic movement is so dangerous. They use these verses to try and say inspiration is **still** going on - but it is not!

D. Matthew 10:21 - And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against *their* parents, and cause them to be put to death.

1. There is going to be a tremendous division within families.

\*In the Tribulation, if one does not receive the mark of the beast, they could lose their head. Many will be spying on others and believers will be turned in to save one's own life - **even** turned in by family members.

2. Also here, there was great **pressure** from the synagogues (the center of life, worship, business, etc.) against anyone claiming Jesus was the Christ.

Example: John 9:22 - [These *words* spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.]

E. Matthew 10:22 - And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

1. Jesus is saying they are going to treat you like they did Me. They hated Him and, likewise, they **will** hate the 12.
2. [but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.]

\*The "end" here is a reference to the end of the age of the **Gen**tiles' dominion over Israel (end of the **Tribulation**).

Matthew 24:13-15 - But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Matt. 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Matt. 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

F. Matthew 10:23 - But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

1. Interestingly, they are **not** told to fight the government. Even in the Tribulation, Christ told them to **run**.

Matthew 24:15-16, 20 - When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Matt. 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Matt. 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

2. The last half of verse 23 is about Jesus' return, His second coming. Until Acts 7, Christ's coming could **have** taken place right on time/schedule. When Peter said if Israel would repent and believe Christ was Messiah, he did **not** mean immediately or right then!

- a. \*|Certain prophesied events had to take place before His return, namely Daniel's 70th week \*|(7-year Tribulation), **then** His return (The Revelation of **Christ**).

- b. The Jewish time schedule was ticking right on time. The prophetic program was right on schedule up to Acts 7 and the opportunity for it to take place was theirs to receive, **had** they believed (it was at hand).
3. Today, as we look back at Acts 1-7, we know that this verse was an **un**fulfilled prophesied event, because Israel remained in apostasy and **un**belief. So God placed Israel's program temporarily on hold. Israel is in blindness while God has **in**terrupted Israel's program with God's hidden **secret** mystery program - us today!
4. Where it says [Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.], some say that Christ in this prophecy was wrong, since it did not happen!

Answer: This was a **con**ditional understanding that He was talking about. This would have happened soon **if** Israel had believed. Their program would have **con**tinued right on into the Tribulation and Kingdom.

\* We know their program has been interrupted by God's secret purpose that He has made known  
 \* through **Paul**. But at that time, the Dispensation of Grace that would interrupt the program from  
 \* continuing on, was **not** known or revealed until Paul.

5. It says that before the 12 would have evangelized all the cities of Israel, Christ would have returned in **glory**. This helps us to better understand Acts 1:8 - [But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.]
- a. The apostles were to go to Jerusalem, then Judaea (**2** southern tribes), then to Samaria (**10** northern tribes). This is the entire Nation of Israel. And before they could get any further (uttermost part of the earth), the Son of man would return. It is only **after** Christ's return to earth that the rest of this commission would be accomplished.
- b. Going into "the uttermost part of the earth" is a kingdom commission.

Psalm 2:6, 8 - Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. Psalm 2:8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for thy* possession.

- c. Carrying out the Word of God to the nations takes place in the **king**dom. According to Matt. 25: 31-40, the judgment of the nations takes place. Those Gentiles, who in the Tribulation treat the Jewish people of Israel **kindly**, will be permitted to enter the earthly 1000-year kingdom. Some (many) will **not** be believers yet.

\* The Jews, as a kingdom of priests-ministers, will be responsible to go to the Gentiles (nations)  
 \* with the kingdom message. They will teach them God's truth and if they believe, the Jews  
 \* will baptize them.

Matthew 28:18-20 - And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Matt. 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Matt. 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you *always*, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Isaiah 2:2-3 - And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. Isa. 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Zechariah 8:22-23 - Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD. Zech. 8:23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard *that God is with you.*

G. Matthew 10:24-25 - The disciple is not above *his* master, nor the servant above his lord. Matt. 10:25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *shall they call* them of his household?

1. He is simply stating that they should not **expect** better treatment than their Lord received.
2. If the false leaders and teachers had called Jesus Beelzebub, they should not be **surprised** when they are called everything ungodly and untrue.

**\*\*In other words: "You guys are going to have some **tough** times ahead."**

Matthew 12:24 - But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

John 15:18 - If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you.

H. Matthew 10:26-27 - Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. Matt. 10:27 What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops.

1. Here Christ **encourages** them by telling them not to fear their persecutors. It will all be revealed by God one day. The secret things, those ungodly actions and motives of their persecutors, will be brought to **light**. None of them will get by with what they do to you!

I Corinthians 4:5 - Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

2. They were to keep their priority of sharing the kingdom gospel. What Christ had shared, taught, and revealed to them personally and privately, they were to proclaim **publically**!

## Questions?

1. Why are councils usually looked upon as being bad?
2. Should we just wing it when defending the faith?
3. How could a family member turn in family to government authority?
4. Are we to stand up to government?
5. When will the kingdom message be proclaimed worldwide?
6. How is it possible that a number of people (unbelievers) get to go into the kingdom?
7. The "uttermost part of the earth" is a \_\_\_\_\_ promise?
8. What should they expect to happen as they witnessed?
9. Jesus said what to encourage them?
10. What was the focus of their ministry?