

Matthew 10:24-31

Fear God and Confess Christ

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The Disciple Will Be Mistreated Too!

Matthew 10:24-25

A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. **25** It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more *will they malign* the members of his household!

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Don't Fear Those to Be Judged

Matthew 10:26-27

Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. **27** What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear *whispered* in *your* ear, proclaim upon the housetops.

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Fear God, Not Man

Matthew 10:28

Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

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God Cares for You

Matthew 10:29-31

Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

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Applications

- 1. We must know that since Christ was falsely maligned, we will be falsely maligned as well.
- 2. We must fear God rather than mankind.
- 3. We must know that God cares for us and will provide for us all the way to glory.

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We Will Be Maligned Like Christ

Matthew 24:9

Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

John 17:14

I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

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Fear God, Not Man

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 14:27

The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death.

Proverbs 29:25

The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted.

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Fear God, Not Man

1 Peter 2:17

Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

Revelation 14:6–7

and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

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Cast All Your Cares on Him

1 Peter 5:7

...casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

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