



Title: The Mission of the King (part 4) – The Lord’s Prophetic Plans

Text: Matt. 10:29-42

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. 37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. 39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. 41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Introduction:

1. The context of 10:26, 28, and v.31 indicates that the Lord had divine judgment in mind (the magnitude of Daniel and Jeremiah’s prophecy (The Great Tribulation Period).

I. The Laborer’s Attitude toward God (v.26-33)

- A. The theme of fear is contextual: v.26, 28, & 31.
- B. The Fear of God is to govern the disciple’s attitude in all dispensation BUT most importantly in the first half of The Day of the LORD.

II. The Laborer’s Attitude toward Christ (vv.34-39)

- A. Jesus will bring (or hurl) a sword prior to the establishment of the Kingdom.
- B. See, Micah 7:6 – the Lord paraphrases this Scripture.
- C. This describes the troublesome relationship that will take place in the Tribulation period. (Application: even today, families can be busted up).
- D. Martyrdom for Christ will occur (vv. 21, 28, 39) – in losing one’s life for Christ – one finds the greatest purpose of life.

III. The Laborer’s Reward (vv.40-42)

- A. The Lord will claim those who claim Him.
- B. The Lord will deny those who deny Him.

Conclusion:

1. 10:22 – the final event is the establishment of the Kingdom.
2. The Son of Man in v. 23 relates to Daniel 7:13.
3. He who receives the son of man receives God the Father who sent Him (v.40).
4. Conclusion – the Lord returns to his work after this Missionary Discourse (Matt. 11:1).