



**Title: The Mission of the King (part 2) – The Lord’s Parameters & Provisions**

**Text:** Matt. 10:5-15

5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. 9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, 10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. 11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. 12 And when ye come into an house, salute it. 13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. 15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

**Introduction:**

1. The Lord Jesus instructs His disciples concerning the limited scope of the first missions work.
2. The Lord also instructs His disciples concerning the provisions for their work.

**I. The Parameter** (vv.5-8) – Israel.

- A. The initial mission was limited to the “lost sheep” (Jer. 50:6) of the house of Israel. This limited ministry was explained by Paul in Rom. 15:8.
- B. The message remains the same as John (Matt. 3:1) and Jesus (Matt. 4:17, 23, 9:35) had previously preached: The Kingdom of Heaven (Millennial Kingdom) is at hand or near.
- C. There is an urgency in their preaching/message.
- D. The Lord empowered His disciples with Kingdom power as a sign or manifestation of the Kingdom.

**II. The Provisions** (vv.9-15)

- A. The disciples were to freely minister (see, 10:8).
- B. They were to depend upon God for their provisions.
- C. They were to trust God for their protection and provisions.
- D. They were not to load themselves with much as they were to be “field preachers” calling Israel to repent.

**Conclusion:**

1. The Lord Jesus gave the apostles the exact same power that He had – to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and to cast out devils.
2. A “worthy” person or house is one who is honest and open to the gospel.
3. There is great danger in rejecting the word of God.