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The New Testament!
Matthew 10:26-33
Have No Fear!

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Introduction

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26 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

Have no fear of slander

No fear of being misrepresented

Look forward to the future and do not fear the day

Psalm 37:6 (ESV) **He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.**

1 Corinthians 4:5 (ESV) Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

27 What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.
God is the great revealer

We are to imitate Him and tell the truth to men
Take advantage of every opportunity to get the message of Christ out!

The gospel is not to be hid!

What we get from God in private we are to proclaim!

Jeremiah 23:21-22 (NLT) "I have not sent these prophets, yet they claim to speak for me.

I have given them no message, yet they prophesy.

22 If they had listened to my message, they would have spoken my words, and they would have turned my people from their evil ways and deeds.

What God reveals to a man in private he is to speak
Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV) "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

What you get from me in private the Lord says, speak it!

28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

What can man do to me?

**Psalm 56:11 (ESV) in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?**

Do not fear man that only can send you to heaven!
Rather fear God who controls our eternal destiny

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?[d] And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

A sermon about "have no fear" and sparrows and the hairs of our heads are the subjects

30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

The arrangements of our lives are under the Lord
"Luck is not our creed, the "Eternal Watcher" rules our destiny, and love is seen in every line of His decree", Charles Spurgeon

31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

By His providence and influences He watches over the most minute and invaluable beings in it, He preserves and holds them up

32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Because divine providence rules over all, the destiny of the believer is secure beyond fear or harm
Because of this security we are not to shrink from professing Christ for the sake of saving our lives
Here is what Spurgeon says, *"Let me confess thy truth whatever the spirit of the age may be, uphold thy church when she is most despised, obey thy precepts when they cost most dear, and glory in thy name when it is most reproached."*

This is the time for us to “own” Him
There will be a time (the day of judgment) for Christ to confess and publicly “own” us, before the angels of God, before God Almighty!

Romans 10:10 (ESV) For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

2 Timothy 2:12 (ESV) If we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us.

It is dangerous, either through shame or fear, to withhold our public owning and acknowledgment of Christ, and his truths, when we are called to the truth

Summary

1. The truth will be revealed and triumph at judgement (V26-27)
 - Don't worry about defending yourself now
 - All will be revealed at judgement
 - Look forward to the day of judgement
2. Fear God more than men (V28)
 - The soul matters
 - This body will become a glorious body
3. God is sovereign (V29-31)
 - In His providence He is caring for us
4. Do not deny Christ (V32-33)
 - By your actions, words or silence
 - A disciple must value Him and His approval more than...
 - a. the approval of authorities or rulers
 - b. the approval of family
 - c. even more than physical life