

Receiving Kingdom Ambassadors

Matthew 10:40-42



Introduction (overview of Matthew thus far)

The coming of the King (ch.1-3)

The temptation of the King (ch.4)

Transition: The calling of Kingdom citizens

The call to Kingdom life (ch.5-7)

The display of the King's authority (ch.8-9)

Transition: The need for Kingdom workers

The sending of Kingdom ambassadors (ch.10)



I. The Various Categories of Kingdom Citizens

You

A prophet

A righteous person

These little ones...a disciple

All of these are representative-ambassadors



II. The Spectrum of Service to Those Citizens

He who receives

He who gives a cup of cold water



III. The Promises to Those who Serve Them

Receiving Jesus and the Father

The result?

An intimate connection

An astounding reward



Application

What makes us significant is the message we carry and the Kind we serve.

The encouraging reality of those who will receive.

Are you receiving the message, the messengers, and the promises?



(Ryle) Let us ask ourselves, as we close the chapter, in what light we regard Christ's work and Christ's cause in the world? Are we helpers of it or hinderers? Do we in any wise aid the Lord's "prophets," and "righteous men"? Do we assist His "little ones"? Do we impede His laborers, or do we cheer them on?


