

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, September 18, 2022**

**Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew**

**Message 66. Sheep Among Wolves – Matthew 10:1-26**

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Matthew 8 and 9 provided an account of the miracles that Jesus performed in preparation for the sending forth of the disciples in chapter 10 and 11. In those miracles we saw Jesus' power of death, diseases, and demons again, reiterating that He is the Son of God, the Messiah, and that He has come in fulfillment of Isaiah 53 to be the Suffering Servant and the Savior. Now He commissions His disciples to go and announce that the Kingdom of Heaven is Here!

- I. The Disciples – vs. 1-4
  - A. Called
  - B. Commissioned
  - C. Empowered
- II. The Lost Sheep of Israel – vs. 5-10
  - A. Israel First, but Not Only – Acts 1:8; Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:23-24
  - B. The Kingdom is Here! – Matt. 3:1-2; 4:17
  - C. Minister to Body and Soul – Acts 2:42-45; James 2:15-17
  - D. Provision – CHS Quote #1
- III. Keep Going – vs. 11-15
  - A. Received with Peace
  - B. Rejected with Refusal
    1. Shake the dust off – keep moving
    2. Impenitent sinners are not part of our fellowship – Matt. 18:17
    3. Wrath is Real!
- IV. Suffering is Certain – vs. 16-26
  - A. Meant for Evil; Used for Good – Gen. 50:20
    1. As a Testimony
    2. The Spirit will sustain you
    3. Even if family turns against you – Matt. 10:34-36
    4. To live is Christ, to die is gain – Phil. 1:21
  - B. Endure to the End
    1. Flee if able
    2. Be faithful in any case
    3. Perseverance/Preservation – Christ will lose none – John 6:39
    4. CHS Quote #2
  - C. Do Not Fear Men – Fear God

**Quotes**

CHS #1 – “When a ministry is readily acceptable, the preacher will not be left to suffer want as to the absolute necessities of life.”

CHS #2 – “Those who can be overcome by opposition are lost.”

## **Cross References**

### **Acts 1:8**

8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

### **Romans 1:16**

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

### **1 Corinthians 1:23-24**

23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### **Matthew 3:1-2**

3 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

### **Matthew 4:17**

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

### **Acts 2:42-45**

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

### **James 2:15-17**

15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

### **Matthew 18:17**

17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

### **Genesis 50:20**

20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

**Matthew 10:34-36**

34 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; 36 and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’

**Philippians 1:21**

21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

**John 6:39**

39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.