



REVIEW THE TEXT

Matthew 10:16-25

REVIEW THE SERMON

Context

If we are Kingdom citizens, we should be committed to the mission of our King. And if we are committed to the mission of our King, we will suffer the kind of consequences that followed our King. Christ taught Kingdom citizens to think properly about the Kingdom mission. First, don't be optimistic about persecution (vv. 17-18). Second, don't be anxious about persecution (vv. 19-20). Third, don't be surprised by how the persecution happens.

Main Points

1. Don't be surprised by the depth of persecution
2. Don't be surprised by the persistence of persecution
3. Don't be surprised by the reality of persecution

Interpretative Points

- *Endures to the end will be saved*
Salvation is not the reward for enduring; rather, enduring is the guaranteed result of true salvation (Phil. 1:6). Endurance does not earn God's favor but proves the existence of His favor (Phil. 2:12-13).
- *Beelzebul*
This refers to the prince of demons, Satan (Matt. 12:24).

MAKE APPLICATION

- ✚ Responsibility: How are you working out your salvation in your actions? How can we cultivate the emotional response of working out salvation "with fear and trembling"?
- ✚ Sovereignty: If God is making our salvation work and guarantees it, why should we work? How do God's guarantees affect your daily living?
- ✚ 2nd Coming: Does the theological reality of Christ's coming impact your thoughts and actions and emotions? Why is that truth sufficient comfort for suffering believers?
- ✚ Pride: What are ways we convey we expect better treatment, greatness, or position than Christ? How can we deal with our pride in light of Christ's humiliation?
- ✚ Persecution: What idols of our culture, once identified and attacked, will result in persecution for us? Why are we so free from persecution?
