



REVIEW THE TEXT

Matthew 10:26-28

REVIEW THE SERMON

Context

Our Bibles assume we will be persecuted. This reality means Christians must count the cost. There is no escaping this reality. At the same time, however, Christians must be prepared emotionally for the reality of persecution. Fear is not an acceptable emotional response for Kingdom citizens. Fear is a theological problem, just as worry is. Christ offsets fear with four truth claims.

Main Points

1. The truth will be exposed (vv. 26-27)
2. The enemies will be destroyed (v. 28)

Interpretative Points

- *Housetop*
The flat roof of Palestinian houses served as a patio area for relaxation and discussion. Instead of being bizarrely weird, Christ wanted His disciples to take His message to where the people were in complete public proclamation.
- *Fear*
It is perfectly appropriate to fear God, who can destroy your entire being in Hell forever.

MAKE APPLICATION

- ✚ Lordship: How costly do you think Christianity is? How can we present an accurate picture of what it means to be a Christ-follower?
- ✚ Truthfulness: Considering how much Christ values and promises to uncover the truth, how much care should we take in our Gospel presentations? How does the content of our Gospel message indicate who we are fearing?
- ✚ Pride: Why do we fear those who can kill our bodies? What are ways we show we value our bodies over our souls?
- ✚ Fear of man: In what ways do you struggle with fearing man more than you fear God? Where in your daily life is it easier to care about how others look at you than how God does?
- ✚ Preparation: How are you preparing for the persecution that is coming for you?
