

Matthew chapter 10

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Matthew 10:16 "Behold (Observe, watch, pay attention), I send you out

- I'm commissioning you. You are going in my authority.

As sheep in the midst of wolves.

- I'm sending you out where you will go through trials, persecution, jail, torture and hardship.
- People will hate you, especially you the ministers, because they first hated me.
- Christ was not being cruel to those who had given all to follow Him, He was merely preparing them for what was to come.
- When these things happen to you, your faith will be strengthened and you will know you are on the right path because I fore warned you of their coming.
- The rewards in heaven were worth all the suffering that they had to endure. The suffering would be for a time but the rewards would be forever.

Therefore be wise as serpents

- ***Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.*** Therefore be aware, be watchful, be cautious, and don't go in blindly.

And harmless as doves.

- Go in peace and always surround yourselves with peace. Don't retaliate or fight back.

17 "But beware of men,

- Beware of people you may know, family members, workmates, peers, enemies of the faith and Satan's servants. **Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; who can know it?"**

For they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues.

- They will report you to the authorities where you will be beaten and tortured.
- Jesus is warning His disciples, present and future, of the trouble they would face in the near future and even up to the tribulation period. The one world government will outlaw Christianity, make it illegal and even put Christians to death.

18 "You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

- Even through your troubles you will go before important people and share the gospel to them for my name's sake.
- **Acts 9:15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 "For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."**

19 "But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak;

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- When you are brought before these important people, be bold, have no fear.
- They did not have bibles to carry with them.
- In the future most bibles will have been destroyed during the tribulation.
- He was essentially promising them the Holy Spirit who would come from the Father to help them through their ministry.

21 "Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

22 "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake.

- During the tribulation period there will be all sorts of lawlessness and ungodliness. You will be surrounded by all manner of people and not just rulers who will hate you regardless of who you are to them.

But he who endures to the end will be saved.

- Some historians say that this pertains to enduring till the end of the tribulation period. That they would be saved from the great tribulation, since salvation only comes through Christ. They also believe that it is in reference to the 144,000 Jews living in Jerusalem and all over the world.
- ***Revelations 7:3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."***
- ***4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:***

23 "When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

- For thousands of years you will preach to the Jews in their cities and they will still reject me. Jesus was essentially informing them of how His own people would reject Him even up to the tribulation period.
- A lot of the Jews would not receive the gospel preached by Jesus's disciples through the ages.

24 "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

- You are my disciples and my servants. You are not greater than me.

25 "It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house (The house of Israel) Beelzebul, how much more will they call those of his household!

- Beelzebul was Satan, the head of the household of demons (12:24-27). The word "Beelzebul" probably came from the Hebrew baal zebul, meaning "Prince Baal." Baal was the chief Canaanite god, and the Jews regarded him as the representation of all that was evil and satanic.

- If the Pharisee and scribes and even the disciples of John the Baptist had rejected Jesus in ***John 3:26***, then surely His disciples would also be rejected.
- Jesus was just simply preparing His disciples, present and future for the coming trials and tribulation.

Conclusion

Do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak;

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- In whose name are we doing the things we do? Are we doing His bidding?
Matthew 7:21-23, "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then will I declare to them, I never knew you, depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness".

- Do our actions represent He who has sent us?
1John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.
- Are we going where we have been sent?
Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.
- Does our speech speak of His grace, forgiveness, love, righteousness, holiness, goodness and mercy?

Colossians 4:6 *ESV Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

Ephesians 5:4 *ESV Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.*

Titus 2:7-8 *ESV Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.*