

COMMENTARY

MATTHEW 10:

vs. 1-42:

Jesus sends His 12 apostles (apostle means: sent out) to go to Israelites; preaching, healing, raising the dead, driving out demons, and cleansing the lepers. They were to do these things without charge and generously.

They were not to be concerned about themselves and their own needs, rather they were to search out a family who would provide for them, as long as they remained in that town or village, ministering to the peoples needs. They were to bless the house where they abode, as long as they were welcome.

Jesus warned them that in certain places they might not be welcome or well received. He told them that they were to leave and move on, as the people there were not to slow down their work. As a sign to the people, they were to shake the dust of that city from their sandals upon leaving, as a sign that they would have nothing to do with them, from then on.

Not only would some not welcome them, but they might be arrested, tried and flogged because of their service for Christ. Once again, Jesus tells them not to worry, for God will speak through them and be their defense. He warns them of the persecution and tells them to move on whenever they find it. Before they finish their task the Son of Man will appear (in reality, it is Jesus).

Jesus reminds them how He has been treated and shows that they to will suffer. He encourages them by saying that God is watching over them and will care for them, even as He cares for the birds of the air.

Jesus tells them that He will confess before God, all who confess Him before men. Those who fail to confess, will not be spoken of by Jesus. He must be the most important thing, in any disciples life, if they want to have salvation; otherwise, they will perish.

Jesus finally instructs them that those who help with the ministry of the disciples will be blessed and be rewarded by God. The reason? The way we treat Gods' people, is the way we treat God and His Son, Jesus!

STUDY GUIDE

MATTHEW 10:

1. Who are the 12 apostles?
2. Who were the apostles to go to?
3. What were they to do, according to verses 7 and 8?
4. What were they to do, upon entering a town or village?
5. What were they to do, if they were not accepted?
6. How was Jesus sending them out? (see vs. 16)
7. Who will speak through them, when arrested?
8. Why would all men hate them?
9. Who were they to be afraid of?
10. What are numbered?
11. Who will Jesus acknowledge before the Father?
12. Who is not worthy of Jesus?

BONUS:

1. What does Jesus send us out to do? _____
2. How should we respond, if people do not accept our message?
3. What does this chapter teach about: "Commitment to Christ"?